

# The Baptist Record

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And how shall they preach except they be sent?—Romans 10:15a.

Bro. Wilburn, the new pastor of Spring Creek Baptist Church, is doing a fine piece of work both in the Spring Creek Church and the Association. He has been elected B. T. U. Director for the county, and is proving himself to be a real leader.

The Linwood Baptist Church has started plans for a new building. Bro. Luther Ashmore has given two acres of land up on the highway for the building site.

The First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, has secured Dr. R. L. Holmes, Dallas, Texas, for their Spring revival. Prof. E. O. Sellers of the Baptist Bible Institute will direct the music.

I have just had an opportunity of reviewing Mr. Thomas E. Quin's audit of the Baptist Hospital at the close of business October 31st. It is one of the best and most complete and satisfactory audits we have had for some time and as Chairman of the Finance Committee, we would like very much to see Mr. Quin re-employed to make this audit for the Hospital for another year.—J. S. Love.

Pastor W. L. Meadows and the Quitman Church, Clarke County, are rejoicing over the payment of the last bonds ahead of maturity, and are planning for the dedication service in the near future.

Pastor Hardee Kennedy, B. B. I. student, is very happy over the progress of the Pachuta, Clarke County, Church. There has been advance along all lines, the most outstanding accomplishment being Intermediate B. Y. P. U. reaching all possibilities and being 100% in a recent meeting. Mrs. H. E. McCormick is the leader.

And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations.—Isaiah 66:20a.

Prayerful participation in the week of prayer, December 1-5, will result in the deepening of the spiritual life of each participant.

Pastor R. A. Edmonds is rounding out twelve happy years' service with the Shubuto, Clark County church, with a splendid spirit of co-operation along all lines.

Pastor Sollie L. Smith is making a fine start with Stonewall and Enterprise Churches. All seem happy.

J. B. Quin writes: "We are anticipating putting on in the future—right near future—a tithing campaign. We are planning also to build a Sunday school annex. Have a committee working toward that end now."

Leflore County Baptist Association had best meeting this fall that it has had in years. Dr. E. J. Caswell, Moderator, A. L. McGaugh, Clerk-Treasurer, of Greenwood First Church and Calvary, respectively.—C. J. Olander.

We have nearly 100,000 soldiers in our midst in Mississippi. What are we doing for them? Will they go back "burned" and "scarred" by Mississippi influences? Will they be blessed for having lingered in our midst?

Yes, a full time man of vision and ability to give time to Christian Education will pay. Too much to expect Executive Secretary to do all now. Duties have increased. Executive Secretary concentrating on promotion of Evangelism, State Missions and Cooperative Program will solve money problems. I am praying God to lead.—C. J. Olander.

First Church, Brookhaven, ordained Dr. J. A. Atkinson, a prominent young physician, as a deacon Wednesday night, November 19.

A Union Thanksgiving service of all Brookhaven churches was held at First Baptist Church Thursday morning at 6:30.

S. H. Jones, pastor of First Church, Brookhaven, teaches classes in Religion at Whitworth College and the School of Nursing at the local hospital. He also serves as Moderator of Lincoln County chapter of the American Red Cross.

Ask of Me and I will give the heathen for thine inheritance.—Psalm 2:8a.

Dr. Frank Leavell, Southwide B. S. U. Secretary writes that notification as to his place on the program at Meridian failed to reach him. Therefore, his absence is explained. We know of and appreciate his interest.

Mississippi Baptists distributed \$13,000 more to all causes through the Cooperative Program in 1941 than in 1940. Every indication suggests this increase will continue.

It was the privilege of your secretary to speak, during the Prentiss County revival, at Thrasher, Booneville, Wheeler, Gaston, Candler, Ingram, Baldwyn, Oak Hill and East Prentiss churches. The program was well planned by Dr. J. D. Thompson, evangelistic director, and Pastors C. E. Patch, Crawford, Rinehart, Basden, Wales and others. While we have not had final returns, some one hundred persons must have taken a stand for Jesus, in one way or another.

At Calvary Church, Jackson, your secretary faced a house filled upstairs and downstairs for the morning service. A good congregation worshipped at the evening hour. A great church. They believe in the pastor. He was in a revival at Blue Mountain. Dr. Claude Bowen is his name. We were privileged to baptize his father in the first meeting of our ministry. Brother A. J. Wilds led the singing. Mrs. McCall made a profession of faith—she was not Mrs. McCall then. Mrs. Bowen is of a great family—the L. P. Leavell family.

First Church, Brookhaven, has had 45 additions in regular services since September 1.

And He said unto them, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15.

1. My Church carries on continuously week after week, year after year a program of worship, teaching, and training for Christian service which brings spiritual uplift, reinforcement, and enrichment of life to many, many people.

2. My Church stands here in the city with a New Testament in her hand pointing to Calvary's Cross and saying: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

3. My Church stands here with a New Testament in her hand pointing to an empty Tomb in Joseph's garden proclaiming: "He is not here, He is risen." "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. . . . Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."

4. My Church holds in her hand a book that condemns every sin in my life—challenges every evil that threatens my home, protests every sin in the community.

5. My Church is a world institution. She is committed to the high, holy task of building the Kingdom of God in this world.

6. My Church carries on her blessed work of Kingdom building through the Cooperative Program which supports: Orphanages, Hospitals, Schools, Colleges, Seminaries, Aged Ministers, Missionaries for destitute sections of my State, Missionaries for the Southland, Missionaries for the World. Thus my church endeavors to serve every human need—spiritual, mental and physical.

7. Within a few days my Church will conduct an Every Member Canvass and give me an opportunity to

## MY CHURCH'

A MEDITATION

By FRED F. BROWN

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make a subscription to the support of the local work of my church and to the Cooperative Program.

8. Giving is a voluntary matter. No external coercion or pressure compels me to give. When I hear appeals for these various Kingdom interests other voices than the one heard by the physical ear are speaking to my soul. As I think about making a subscription to my church and to the Cooperative Program, the Trinity speaks to me:

### (1) God, the Father—

Since I came into His family through repentance and faith I have thought of Him as my "Heavenly Father." Some day—when called into the spirit world, if conscious, I want to repeat the words of my Saviour: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." He is speaking to me now about my subscription.

### (2) God, the Holy Spirit—

"Holy Spirit, faithful guide,  
Ever near the Christian's side."

In my meditation about the Canvass the Holy Spirit speaks to me. Through the ages the

Holy Spirit has been the directing, empowering agency of all of this work of the churches. He speaks to me now.

### (3) God, the Son—

The crucified Saviour, the risen, exalted Lord speaks to me—speaks to me about my subscription. My Saviour stands at the center of the Cooperative Program. I see him in the Orphanages, welcoming little children—in the Hospitals, the Great Physician—in Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries, the Great Teacher—with the aged Ministers who have faithfully preached His gospel—with the Missionaries who are witnessing for Him at home and abroad—I hear Him saying: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . . and, lo, I am with you always."

As I look into my Saviour's face and listen to His voice all excuses are silenced. There is an upward surge of my spirit and I long to do my best.

Could there be any stronger appeal brought to me concerning my Christian duty and privilege to support Kingdom movements than that which is brought from God, the Father; God, the Spirit; and God, the Son? "God in three persons, blessed Trinity."

My meditation is finished. All hesitancy, all indecision, and all reluctance are gone. I want to give—promptly, gladly, generously, even sacrificially. I am ready to sign my pledge card. How much shall I pledge? The Bible answers—the tithe, and offerings.

—Baptist and Reflector.

## THREE WHYS FOR A BROTHERHOOD

Among Baptists, a Brotherhood is a group of men meeting for devotion and for study, planning and promoting along Christian and denominational lines. The Brotherhood movement stands for the development, instruction and enlistment of our manpower. With these statements in mind, please think with me on Three Whys for a Brotherhood.

## I. For the Sake of the Men Themselves

It is true, "Where there is no vision the people perish," and Hosea well says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." With few exceptions there has been little definite, organized effort to bring, directly to our men, information concerning the work of Southern Baptists. Is it any wonder that so many of our men are listless and unconcerned and sometimes opposed to the efforts for the promotion of the Lord's work?

For fifty years, women with vision have been seeking to inform and enlist their sisters in these matters and as a result they have developed spiritually and are giving knowingly and wisely to the causes of their Master. During these years many men, warped and weakened, have limped haltingly, on account of blurred vision, to the end of their days and shall not know that abundant entrance into the Kingdom of God. THIS SHOULD NOT BE, and the consensus of opinion among many of our leaders is that the Brotherhood is the movement needed to overcome this sad situation. A study of the results of the Brotherhood reveals many men who have come out of weakness, doubt and indifference to become strong in the faith, joyous in enriched Christian living and stalwart in Christian stewardship. We have delayed too long and, for many, the time for development is short. For the sake of the million and more men of our Southern Baptist Zion who are unenlisted because they have been unsought and untaught, we need a Brotherhood.

## II. For the Sake of Our Immediate Undertakings

Our undertakings are large, imperative, challenging and God-honoring. They need, they demand and they deserve that we heed Paul's admonition, "Quit your like men, be strong." Christian manhood and the consecration of Christian earnings have ever been two paramount needs of operating Christianity. This combination bespeaks more impressive local church activities, speedy liquidation of local and denominational obligations, a more thorough spread of wholesome information through our denominational papers and an ever-growing program for world-wide Evangelism. A casual survey will reveal that where Brotherhoods are functioning, along with the W. M. U.'s, progress is being made along these lines. Brotherhoods are promoting the circulation of The Baptist Record. Brotherhoods have helped to bring many more churches into the regular support of the Co-operative Program. Tithers have multiplied where Brotherhoods thrive and that means more money for all causes. Give our more than a million men the fellowship, the devotion, the information and the training offered in our Brotherhoods and our causes will be supported in a way that will be well-pleasing to God. Our men will be saying with Paul, "I am a debtor—I am ready—I am not ashamed."

## III. For the Sake of the Rising Youth

Surely you will agree with me when I say that the youth of the present day needs to be prepared for greater opportunities, greater difficulties and greater achievements than any generation has yet known. This calls for stronger faith, fuller information and more definite training. Their opportunities along these lines will come largely from the men of today. The development of the organizations for the betterment of our young people in the past has been through the foresight and determined sacrifices of the few and in spite of the opposition of the un-informed or mis-informed. Active Brotherhoods mean more attractive church buildings, more interesting church services, better Sunday School and B. T. U. equipment and better Sunday School teachers and B. T. U. leaders.

Possibly Jones County Association has more Brotherhoods than any other Association in Mississippi. Recently, at a quarterly meeting of the representatives of these Brotherhoods, attention was directed to the value of Baptist Student Union

## RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, the West Laurel Baptist Church has had a Brotherhood organization for four years, and has seen the many benefits of such an organization, and

Whereas, we as a Brotherhood feel that this is the best medium we know for the enlistment of men in the full program of the church, and

Whereas, we feel there should be a Brotherhood in every Baptist church in Mississippi, and

Whereas, seven other Southern Baptist states have found the employment of a state Brotherhood secretary of great value in the promotion of this movement, and

Whereas, the Mississippi Baptist Convention in annual session in Meridian authorized the appointment of a committee to study the proposition of a Brotherhood secretary for our state, and

Whereas, this committee has made known through its chairman their desire to know the attitude of the men on this subject, therefore,

Be it resolved:

1—That the Brotherhood of the West Laurel Baptist Church with a membership of 174, go on record as favoring the establishment of a state Brotherhood department with a full-time secretary.

2—That the state Convention Board be requested to establish this department.

3—That the Brotherhood department be financed the same as the Sunday school and BTU departments.

4—That this Brotherhood pledge its prayer and active support in voluntary work of promoting the Brotherhood movement in cooperation with the newly established department.

Adopted in regular session of the West Laurel Baptist Brotherhood, this the 23rd day of November, 1941.

BILL BOUTWELL,  
President,  
I. L. YARBROUGH,  
Secretary.

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## NEWS FROM NIGERIA

(Foreign Mission Board)—Miss Isabella Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Lavell Seats arrived safely in Nigeria, November 8. Their ship had a small convoy from Trinidad to Brazil. There they joined other ships which were being convoyed to Africa.

The cable from Dr. George Green also mentioned that Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Pool, Rev. A. Scott Patterson, and Misses Kathleen Manly, Eva Sanders and Amanda Tinkle have sailed for the United States.

Up to and including November 22, Mississippi Baptist contributions registered gains over the same 22 days of 1940 as follows:

Cooperative Program	\$1,543.01
Designated	\$1,731.59
Now Club	\$5,722.42

TOTAL GAIN ----- \$8,997.02  
Mississippi Baptists are on the march! Doxology!

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Mrs. I. E. Rouse was recently injured in a traffic accident at Hattiesburg. We trust she is fully recovered by this time.

work being done in the Junior College in our midst. A few weeks later the Association, in a few minutes, subscribed more than its quota toward the support of a B. S. U. secretary in that college. What the men of Jones County Association are doing the men of other Associations will do if rightly informed, enlisted and trained. Give the Baptist men of Mississippi a man with vision, a warm heart, an informed mind and a tactful leadership for the promotion of the Brotherhood movement in our state and the men will respond with a deeper consecration, a stronger faith, a more cooperative spirit and a more liberal support of the Lord's work.

For the sake of the men too long neglected; for the sake of the pressing needs of the present undertakings and for the sake of the youth who will carry on after these men are gone, I plead for a serious consideration of the Brotherhood movement and for a man to lead in its promotion.

—BRYAN SIMMONS.

## Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

## "PUBLICITY"

Today when there are a thousand causes, movements, organizations and salesmen clamoring for the attention of the people, our churches and pastors are obliged, if they are not to be to grip the attention of the public. It is increasingly difficult to do this. People go so much, see so much and hear so much and their minds are crowded with so many distracting things that it is increasingly hard to gain their attention.

In the past few years I have many times emphatically stressed important events from the pulpit, the papers, by letter, and on the radio and then when the time came some folks whom we knew would be interested and be present would fail to show up. When I asked them why they were not there, with apparent sincerity more than a few of them told me that they did not know anything about it. They had been present when I had stressed it. Their minds were somewhere else. You must keep on publicizing the gospel and the work of the church. We certainly cannot presume that our people will know and be interested about the things which they do not know. Every church and pastor needs to give heed regularly and persistently to helpfully publicizing their work.

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## BROTHERHOOD SECRETARY

In answer to the Chairman of the Committee of Seven who are to study the question and recommend to the State Board their findings, I am of the opinion that we not only need a Brotherhood Secretary, but that a secretary will more than justify the expenses of the office through the enlistment of that great body of men to be organized for efficient service. This secretary can tap the reservoir of power and money that will remain largely undeveloped. Certainly the expenses of such an office will be borne by the Cooperative Program; but instead of being a tax on the Cooperative Program, it will add enough in dollars and cents to take care of the expenses of a B. S. U. secretary.

Why choose between the two? We need them both. Why not the churches increase their gifts to take care of this need? Yes, we can have both. My candid opinion is, that a Brotherhood secretary will add enough money to the cause through the enlistment of the men of our churches to pay the expenses of both the Brotherhood and B. S. U. Something must be done to reach that large body of unenlisted and unorganized body of men, whose influence and money would become a power in our work.

Yours for both secretaries,  
L. G. GATES.

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## CALLED HOME

(Foreign Mission Board)—On Friday, November 14, Mrs. T. F. McCrea of Ventura, California, was called to her eternal home. For thirty years Mr. and Mrs. McCrea served loyally and effectively as Southern Baptists missionaries in Shang Tung province in North China. Retiring from active service in 1934, these two noble workers have made their home in California. To the bereaved husband Southern Baptists extend their deep sympathy.

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We are happy to report the gracious time with River View Baptist church and their good pastor, L. W. Long, Kaiser, Mo. They are happy as they face the future with this large number of workers.

—John L. Isaacs, Bruner Station, Tulsa, Okla.

Jones County Baptist Association is now making a direct appeal to every pastor and church to make a big Thanksgiving offering to our orphanage. Also are included our Old Ladies' Home and our Old Men's Home, and the Children's Home Finding Society. All of these are worthy and Jones County Baptists are trying to make a worthy offering.

**"LOVE OFFERING"**

The First Baptist Church, Laurel, presented Dr. L. G. Gates with a huge check as a "Love Offering" the day of the dedication of their building.

**THE NOW CLUB IN THE LOCAL CHURCH**  
Dr. W. C. Tyler—Convention Address

My interest in the Now Club has been direct and has found expression in three forms: as a member of a church which seeks to cooperate in all Convention causes; as a non-resident pastor of a half-time rural church; and as the chairman of the Now Club in the church of which I am a member. The last named of these three is the point to which the program committee, I assume, desires that I address my brief remarks.

It was nearly two years ago that I first learned about the Now Club. At that time Rev. Dan Patch presented the details of the plan to the membership of the Lowrey Memorial Church. From then until now I have been convinced that it is worthy of both promotion and support. The more I consider its characteristics and its operation the more convinced I become.

Among the factors which I find convincing is the principle inherent in the name. I wish I could utter the word "now" in the tone my football coach used when the exact moment came for him to send the restive substitute beside him catapulting into the game at some critical period. I wish I could say "now" as did Dean McReady when he began the scripture reading at the funeral of Dr. E. Y. Mullins with the words, "Now is Christ risen from the dead." By the utterance of the single word "now" the fact of the resurrection became a reality of that instant.

The scriptures teach us that the door is open now. "Behold," Paul challenged the church at Corinth, "now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2b). The sinner's chance is now. It is the chance of the saint likewise. No other time is assured the sinner to repent of sin and to believe the gospel. No other opportunity is named in which the saint may present the Savior and plead the message of salvation. No one has any assurance of any time for action except the present. Let us not be lost in plans to do something when the war is over. Let us save ourselves by doing the thing we have opportunity to do while the war is on. The acceptable time is always now.

The facts which give rise to the Now Club are equally convincing as the principle inherent in the name. A Mississippian, Dr. J. B. Gambrell, is quoted as saying: "There is no defeat for a cause well pushed, if it is right." The facts set forth in the tract "Information for Mississippi Baptists Now" readily convince one that the cause of the Now Club is right. It is right to pay one's honest debts. It is right to bring interest payments to an end as soon as it is practicable. It is right to keep spiritual matters unhampered by financial matters. It is right to maintain the contributions which our educational institutions make toward the furtherance of the gospel. It is right to safeguard our assets which far outweigh our liabilities. It is right to acknowledge the unforeseeable factors which disrupted the plans of our brethren and fathers and to keep faith with them as they sought

The check is 28 inches by 14 inches and \$1,800 thick. It was a deserved tribute indeed. We here-with present a replica of the check, reduced in dimensions.

to keep faith with us. It is right to clear away the barriers to the establishment of greater programs of kingdom service. The facts convince one that the cause of the Now Club is right. To victory, therefore, it can be well pushed in the local church.

But to push well the Now Club in the local church one must devise and put into operation a plan of action. We, the chairwoman and I, were soon convinced that we could not work out a more effective plan of procedure than the one described in the literature provided by the general headquarters. I must confess that on first reading, it seemed a little too meticulous. We went ahead, however, on the assumption that those who had labored to work it out were as eager to have the Club succeed as we were. It was nothing less than sensible and fair to be sincere and diligent in giving the plan an honest chance to prove itself workable. We did. We studied the plan more carefully. We attended the associational meeting. We called the pastor, the treasurer, and the associational Now Club chairmen together for information and advice. We made a list of prospective solicitors who were to work in pairs (fifteen) in canvassing a resident membership of three hundred. We spent an hour with the thirty solicitors in order to have them understand what we wanted them to do and when we wanted them to do it. We gave each solicitor ten cards, each card bearing the name of a resident church member who was to be interviewed within a stated time. We were greatly pleased when the final reports came in to see that the plan had worked and that the minimum goal of \$2,500.00 had been oversubscribed by nearly one thousand dollars. The plan of action suggested in the Now Club literature is sound. Like a seed, it only needs a place to germinate and bring forth fruit. To quote Dr. Gambrell again: "There is no defeat for a cause well pushed, if the cause is right."

In conclusion I want to offer for your consideration a statement by an English preacher which appeared in a Canadian newspaper and was reprinted as the lead item in a recent issue of the "Moody Monthly":

"We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking and bathing—Now the seashores are barred; no picnics.

"We have preferred motor travel to churchgoing—Now there is a shortage of motor fuel.

"We have ignored the ringing church bells calling us to worship—Now the bells can not ring except to warn of invasion.

"We have left the churches half empty when they should have been filled with worshipers—Now they are in ruins.

"We would not listen to the way of peace—Now we are forced to listen to the way of war.

"The money we would not give to the Lord's work—

**THE LAYMAN**

Leave it to the ministers, and soon the church will die

Leave it to the women folks, the young will pass if by;

For the church is all that lifts us from the coarse and selfish mob,

And the church that is to prosper needs a layman on the job.

Now a layman has his business, and a layman has his joys,

But he also has the training of his little girls and boys;

And I wonder how he'd like it if there were no churches here,

And he had to raise his children in a Godless atmosphere?

It's the church's special function to uphold the finer things,

To teach that way of living from which all that's noble springs;

But the minister can't do it, single-handed and alone,

For the laymen of the country are the church's cornerstone.

When you see a church that's empty, though its doors are opened wide,

It is not the church that's dying; it's the laymen who have died.

For it's not by song or sermon that the church's work is done,

It's the laymen of the country who for God must carry on.

—EDGAR A. GUEST.

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Port Gibson, Mississippi  
November 19, 1941

Dear Brother McCall:

As a pastor under your noble leadership I want to express my appreciation to you for the marvelous way in which you have led us. I feel that you are doing your best and I appreciate you.

I heard many expressions of appreciation at the Convention. You certainly manifested a Christian spirit all the way through. The people are behind you and we are all praying for you.

May the Lord continue to bless you and lead you as you lead us.

Yours in Christ,

L. REED POLK.

(Ed. Note—Such expressions from some of God's finest help us keep going when the pressure is terrific.)

Now is taken from us in taxes and in higher prices.

"The food for which we forgot to say thanks—Now is unobtainable.

"The service we refused to give God—Now is conscripted for the country.

"Lives we refused to live under God's control—Now are under the nation's control.

"Nights we would not spend in 'watching unto prayer—Now are spent in anxious air raid precautions.

"The evils of modernism we would not fight—Now—see what Germany, the seat of this teaching, has produced."

In view of such observations is it not plain that "Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away from them. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? which having at the first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard; God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders, and manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will" (Hebrews 2:1-4).

As a last word, "Behold, now is the day of salvation" in the local church and in all the world.

# EDITORIALS

NOW IS ENLISTMENT TIME

In the next thirty days many Baptist churches in Mississippi will be making their budgets for 1942, soliciting pledges to support the budget and getting everything in readiness for the coming year.

Most of the churches will seek to go forward in their program. Certainly every church should make and honest effort to go forward. Financial conditions are better. There is less unemployment. Prices received by the farmers for their 1941 crops have been much more than in any recent year. Many workers in our cities and towns have larger incomes.

A moving object is easier to push than one that is standing still. During the past year Mississippi Baptists have been moving. On December the first, \$106,000.00 in bonds will be retired. In the past year 13,000 have been baptized. Total receipts in the State Secretary's office show an increase of \$97,000 for the year. All organizations report progress. If such conditions do not indicate perfect conditions for progress, then pray when? And as the churches make plans for 1942 they will need the support of every blood-bought Baptist. Today a slacker in our defense program, civilian or military, is looked upon with contempt. A Baptist who fails to support his church is just as much a slacker as a civilian or soldier who fails to support his government.

There are many reasons why every Baptist should be an active church member and have a part in the 1942 program of his church.

First: It is Christ's church. He bought it with His blood. "To feed the church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood." Acts 20:28. Such a price on His part demands something on our part.

Second: My pastor needs my help. It was a smart trick the devil pulled when he got many Baptists to believe that the pastor was expected to do most of the personal work, most of the praying, much paying and most everything else. Every Baptist has a duty to perform. Many a pastor has an aching heart because he has to do much that should be done by his members.

Third: The other brethren and sisters are entitled to my cooperation. It is as much my duty to share in the support of my church as it is their duty. "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." I John 3:14. Many Baptists by action make this verse read—"because we love for the other brethren to do what is done."

Fourth: The church is the source of all that glorifies God. Though the church often fails to make the most of its opportunities yet it is a powerfully factor in any community. We know an instance where a man recently found a house for sale at a bargain, BUT he did not buy because it was not close enough for his family to go to church. Most works of charity and mercy are either promoted by churches or supported largely by church people.

Fifth: I should support my church because souls will perish if I fail to do my duty. No one else can do it for me. They must do their own work. If I fail to pay my tithe some missionary will have to stay at home. Some poor soul that might have been won will never hear. "When I say unto the wicked, 'Thou shalt surely die,' and thou givest him not warning nor speaketh to warn the wicked from his wicked way to save his wife the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hands." Ezekiel 3:18.

Sixth: It is not fair to accept the blessings of the church and not help. In other days we went to log rollings, and there was always some fellow present who managed to get the long end of the stick. That made his load lighter but woe to his partner. Every Baptist slacker makes his brother's task harder. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2.

Seventh: If I fail to support my church I violate my promise and ignore my Church Covenant.

Eighth: My slackness will discourage others. Baptists watch other Baptists and though we should not slacken because others do, yet human

## EMPTY BUT FULL

Early in the dawning of that first Resurrection morning the ones who loved Jesus most on earth went to anoint His body with spices, thinking He was in the tomb. But when they arrived, the stone was rolled away!

We read how they looked in and found the sepulchre was empty. He was not there. He had risen. The grave was empty!

Empty, yet full! Indeed—full because it was empty!

Because it was empty, it was full of proof of promises fulfilled. Because it was empty, it was full of joy for the heart-broken followers then—and full of hope for all believers even to this day. "Because I live, ye shall live also." For every weeping Christian at the grave of a loved one who fell asleep in Jesus, the sepulchre of the risen Lord is full of assurance that one glad day they shall be joined again where there will be no tears, no parting, no death!

The empty tomb is full of victory for those who preach Christ Jesus. They may shout with the voice of the winds that He is victor over the last great enemy. The serpent had done his worst, and the Son of God overcame him.

Full of encouragement is the empty sepulchre. Those who march under His banner need never faint. He is at the head of the army, "even to the end of the age."

Full of faith is the empty tomb, for God had carried out His word to men. Man need never doubt God any more. Full of grace was the Lord's empty tomb. Unmerited was the favor that God bestowed when He made the way for man to come to Him through the risen Lord. Listen! Hear the words that echo in its empty corridors, and ring down through the endless ages till God's final decree be done: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" "Death is swallowed up in victory," in the tomb empty, yet full!—M.

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## THE TIDE HAS STARTED IN

By Louie D. Newton

Chairman S. B. C. Committee

On Increased Circulation State Baptist Papers

One of the veteran guides on the Florida west coast said to my fishing companion and me one day when we were a bit impatient to snag some trout: "Get ready, gentlemen, the tide has started in."

Maybe some of our faithful workers have been a bit disappointed in the effort to increase the circulation of our State Baptist papers to the goal of 500,000 by 1945. I admit that, at times, I have felt that sense of disappointment.

But it looks as if the tide has started in. I study the papers every week, to see what the editors are able to report on the unending and united effort to put our Baptist papers in the homes of our Baptist people; and the picture is brightening. Last week's papers reported heartening increases in budget churches.

Let us not miss this tide. This is the time to do the job. Churches everywhere are making their budgets for 1942. I appeal to pastors and finance committee chairmen to press the matter of putting your State paper in your church budget before it is closed for another year. Give the people a chance to vote on this vitally important matter.

We can add 100,000 new homes to the list by the time we go to San Antonio if every pastor will do his best, now that the tide has started in. Thank you.

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Richton Young People's Union rendered a very impressive Thanksgiving playlet at the evening service Sunday. Thanksgiving morning a joint service was held in the Methodist church with Rev. T. R. Coulter, Baptist pastor, preaching.

nature is just that way. "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it, or one member be honored all the members rejoice with it." I Cor. 12:26.

"Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular." I Cor. 12:27.

LET'S BE ACTIVE, LIBERAL BAPTISTS AND LET'S BEGIN NOW.

—By A. L. GOODRICH.

## IS IT WELL WITH YOU TODAY?

By C. E. Patch

This day, 1941, may be an unpromising one to you. It may seem that the ill has outweighed the good, because of reverses of every nature; because the world is the victim of selfishness and greed; because certain people are displaying bigotry and hate and are ruthlessly inflicting terrible suffering upon the peoples conquered or within their own borders.

But a heart-to-heart talk with yourself will give reason to be very thankful on this day, our Thanksgiving Day. Life is made up of joys and sorrows, sunshine and showers, triumphs and defeats. To have and to hold all of the good is not for any one of us. It just isn't God's way. But surely, as we look at the frightful condition of God's chosen people, the Jews, we have every reason for a special Thanksgiving in our hearts today. Yes, they have sinned, so have we. They have broken the Sabbath, so have we. They have forsaken the places of worship, so have we. How we should thank a merciful God that judgment has been held in His mighty hand to give us one more chance to repent and turn back to God.

We are most fortunate of all people of the earth. God has been good to us. If you care to, you may get a soap box, place it on the corner of Main Street, mount it and rant and rave at your government, your president, or any of the customs of our great country, and no one would bother you. Try it in other countries and you will try it but once.

If you are unfortunate, you may make the rounds of the business concerns of town and make a better living than a lot of hardworking people. If you are out of a job the WPA or some other alphabet agency will give you one, or the welfare organizations will feed you, after a fashion, though you may become tired of grape-fruit.

If you are thrifty, even though your income is low, you can get along. You can buy a bushel of corn from any good farmer for fifty to sixty cents that will make your family bread for several days. A few cents will buy cotton cloth enough to keep you warm. Food is still cheap by comparison with countries of the world, and thank the Father in heaven, it is plentiful. If you have prepared for work, a job awaits you on every side.

Yours may not be a luxurious life, but thank God, there is plenty and our boys are still on their own soil. One may lie down at night in his own bed and not sit with fear in a bomb shelter. Fear is little known to the citizens of the United States, a blessing that few, if any other nation of the world enjoys.

And so the first thing to do this Thanksgiving is to bow our heads and thank God that of all peoples upon this earth we are the most blessed, for it is God's gift. Second, we should ask God to help us so live that the blessings we now enjoy will be likewise enjoyed by our children, for though we may not care for ourselves, we have no right to rob them of a great heritage. Third, let us show our appreciation to God by helping to tell the story of His Son at home and abroad that the "Kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our God and Christ," then all nations will enjoy the blessings in their fullness, a state of which we are grateful for today.

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Anding voted to go half-time next year. They are beginning a meeting on the 24th of November with Rev. B. W. Walker preaching.

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## EVANGELISM

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THE LOST CHRIST  
John 1:19-27; 7:1-11  
Texts: John 1:26, 7:11

## Introduction.

John a strange preacher—preaching repentance. A delegation sent to wait upon him. John said, Text I.

Text II. I. Jesus arouses the interest of all men. The Jews to criticize Him. "Nazarene," "Carpenter," "Unlettered Man." He still arouses the interest of men. For various reasons.

II. Spiritual difficulty of finding Jesus. Ex. Seeking Him for wrong motive.

1. Herod to destroy Him. 2. Voltaire to establish Theism. 3. Ingersoll to prove a theory. 4. Curiosity seekers never find Him. 5. Judas never found the real Christ. Jn. 6:70.

III. Some find Him easily.

1. The needy. 2. The contrite. 3. The penitent. 4. The humble.

IV. Christians sometimes lose sight of Jesus.

1. Because we do not expect Him in our worship services.

2. Because we do not tarry at an appointed place. 3. Because we walk blindly as did the men on the road to Amals.

V. Where we may find Jesus.

1. At the "Mercy Seat" of prayer. 2. In the field of service. 3. In time of trouble and trial.

4. In every day life. (Follow the men on the road to Amals. "And their eyes were opened" when He broke bread.)

5. HERE. "Where two or three are together in My Name." (Not figurative language. He meant that.)

"There standeth one among you." Do you know Him?

C. E. "DAN" PATCH.

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## NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Mark 12:34b: "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God."

Introduction: In the Land of "Not Far Away."

I. The Location of "Not Far."

—Too far—

1. Outside.
2. In alien territory.
3. In the danger zone.

II. The Condition of "Not Far."

—Too bad—

1. Not connected—lost.
2. Dead—without power.
3. Wandering—without inheritance.

III. The Destiny of "Not Far."

—Too late—

1. Sinking.
2. Oblivion.
3. Eternal death.

Conclusion: One Requirement: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."

—By DR. MARK LOWRY.

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## WHAT TWO KINGS DID WITH THEIR SIN

II Samuel 11 and 12; Matthew 14:1-12

Two persons with an outward resemblance may be poles apart because of an inward condition. Consider David and Herod Antipas, kings in Israel.

I. Some Remarkable Similarities.

1. Both were kings and in the same country, ruling from the same city.
2. Both committed the same sin, that of adultery.
3. Both thought themselves secure because of their position and influence.
4. Both were accused by a prophet of God.

II. One Vital Difference.

1. David repented of his sin.
  - a. Named a son after the prophet who accused him.
  - b. Wrote the 51st Psalm as a token of his repentance.
  - c. Spent the rest of his life trying to make

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

## SUMMIT

Dr. J. B. Quin feels that the work at Summit is very much on the upgrade. He recently closed a good meeting in which Dr. F. K. Horton of Columbia did the preaching. And they are still talking about his great sermon on tithing.

All the organizations are well manned and going places. Dr. Quin teaches Bible at the Junior College and that work is also the best it has ever been. They are making plans for church enlargement.

Baptist Record subscriptions in Pike County are as follows:

FERNWOOD 29; MCCOMB FIRST 35; CENTRAL 24; E. MCCOMB 112; McComb 8; R-2 1; MAGNOLIA 79; Summit 8; Summit R-1 1; Moak's Creek 1; Progress 1; Pricedale 1; Silver Creek 2; Bluff Springs 1.

## WESSION

Wesson, under the pastorate of Dr. Mark Lowry, is doing things. The Sunday School superintendent, W. H. Smith, is proud of the fact that the Sunday School is standard and the Intermediate Department and all classes of that Department are standard. Miss Pattie Grice is leading the B. T. U. in a great way and the Junior College B. T. U. which is sponsored by Miss Gene Ramsey is also making progress. They also have a college Andrew Club which meets twice daily and a girls' Andrew Club is planned. The W. M. U. led by Mrs. E. G. Graham is doing good work. Dr. Lowry has recently led the B. S. U. Council in the study of Dr. Tribble's book, SALVATION. The church has been newly decorated and a new kitchenette installed. The church owns a folding organ which is used for outdoor evangelistic services. In addition to the regular prayer meeting, the young people conduct a prayer service each Friday night, led by the pastor. The total Sunday School enrollment is larger than the church membership. If there are other churches with a Sunday School like this in the State we do not know about it.

Subscriptions in Lincoln County are:

NEW PROSPECT 33; HOLLY SPRINGS 33; BROOKHAVEN 342; Brookhaven R-2 4; FRIENDSHIP 21; HEUCK'S RETREAT 53; MACEDONIA 11; Mt. Pleasant 1; Mt. Vernon 1; Pearlhaven 4; Toplawn 1; Bethel 1; Pleasant Grove 2; Harmony 1; Montgomery 1; RUTH 32; Little Bahala 3; FAIR

amends, becoming known as "a man after God's own heart."

d. Remembered with affection by all succeeding generations.

2. Herod beheaded the man who told him of his sin.

a. Added crime to crime until finally banished, A. D. 41.

b. Shared with Pilate the ignominy of sending Christ to the cross.

c. Remembered by all Jews, along with his father Herod the Great and Ahab, as one of their worst kings.

One of the finest lies that Satan has ever palmed off on the human race is that if one be careful enough and influential enough he can get by with a lot of things. As a matter of fact, one never gets by with anything. Every wilful deed and every conscious choice is a ripple on the sea of experience that goes to make up the great tidal wave of destiny. Whether it is a little boy stealing cookies, a big boy stealing watermelons, a politician stealing an election, or a moral pervert committing assault and battery on character, one may be sure his sin will find him out.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

RIVER 22; MT. MORIAH 55; NEW SIGHT 20; Wellman 9; CLEAR BRANCH 16.

## SHUBUTA

Pastor N. A. Edmonds at Shubuta does not make much fuss but he pulls hard on the traces. They have recently organized a Story Hour and their Sunbeam Band attendance averages about 25. Mrs. Dan Johnson is the W. M. U. president and great plans are being made for 1942. Robert L. Shirley is leading the B. T. U. and I. S. Martin is Sunday School superintendent and all are doing good work.

Below are Clarke County Record readers:

Crandall 1; DeSoto 1; ENTERPRISE 61; Fallen Creek 8; HARMONY 20; New Hope 1; PACHUTA 30; QUITMAN 84; SHUBUTA 23; Stonewall 1; W. Enterprise 1; ROLLING CREEK 13; PINE GROVE 21; Pine Hill 2; CENTER RIDGE 26.

## LYON

Pastor B. Frank Smith is pastor of Lyon and Jonestown churches. The last year has seen progress at both places. At Lyon a new Cradle Roll class, a Young People's class, a new Junior class and a new Intermediate class have been organized. Brother A. B. Walker is proud of the Sunday School work and Mrs. Gus Brown is going places with the W. M. U. At Jonestown a new Cradle Roll class and a new Adult class have been organized. The Sunday School, under W. E. Granberry, is making progress, as is the W. M. U., led by Mrs. J. W. Conley. Fine choir work is also being done by the church, led by Prof. Francis Hinman.

Coahoma County has Record readers listed as follows: CLARKSDALE 201; Farrell 1; JONES-TOWN 37; Jonestown misc. 1; LULA 21; LYON 31; Union Chapel 3.

## PRENTISS

Dr. W. L. Holcomb continues to grow in the esteem of Prentiss Baptists. The past year has been a good one with contributions averaging \$225 per week above the budget. They also gave twice as much as they expected to the Cooperative Program. The Sunday School, B. T. U. and W. M. U. are led by J. O. Boyd, Mrs. V. A. Hartzog and Mrs. Jim Williams. All are doing good work.

Jeff Davis Record subscribers are listed below:

BASSFIELD 52; Bethany 1; CARSON 10; PHALTI 50; PRENTISS 149; WHITE SAND 51; SOCIETY HILL 47.

## PORT GIBSON

Pastor L. Reed Polk and the Port Gibson saints are still in the third Heaven over the recent dedication of their church. The longer Pastor Polk stays at Port Gibson the deeper does he grow in the affections of the people. All the organizations are functioning in a fine way. The Sunday School is led by Superintendent W. H. Everett; the B. T. U. by Director E. V. Mosely and the W. M. U. by Mrs. Q. E. Irwin.

Here are the Claiborne County subscribers: Hermanville 2; PORT GIBSON 37; Port Gibson Misc. 1; Russum 1.

## CARTHAGE

Many churches in Mississippi might well get Pastor P. D. Bragg to tell them how he leads his church to contribute so generously. The average contribution per member for the first nine months of 1941 was \$30.00. The B. T. U. with W. G. Hammell as director is making progress. The W. M. U. has added a new circle and they are sponsoring the erection of a Negro Baptist Church.

Note below the list of Record subscribers for Leake County:

ZION 1; CARTHAGE 54; Dossville 3; Mt. Carmel 1; GOOD HOPE 24; LENA 78; MIDWAY 20; Mt. Zion 1; Oak Grove 7; PLEASANT HILL 16; Standing Pine 3; TUSCOLA 40; WALNUT GROVE 50; SEBASTOPOL 31; NEW HOPE 19; Mars Hill 2.

## MACON

Macon is another church where the people are generous with their contributions. Last year the average was \$28.00 per member. There were 31 additions during the year and on a recent Sunday 59 out of 61 in the B. T. U. stayed for church services. Naturally Rev. R. D. Pearson is happy in his work.

Brother Pearson is also pastor of Vernon Church  
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Pastor Joel Sturdivant finds a real evangelistic opportunity in his work in the Delta. He is pastor at Merigold and Morrison Chapel but finds time to render good missionary service elsewhere. In this picture he is shown in the waters of Bogue Phalia with some twenty-eight newly won converts.

Matthew 28:18-20.

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**DR. SPECK TELLS OF PSYCHIATRY FUTURE**  
Talks To Doctors Of Lauderdale

MERIDIAN, Nov. 20—Emphasizing the importance of a fixed religious standard in psychiatry, Dr. Clyde Madison Speck, superintendent of Mississippi State Hospital, told the Lauderdale County Medical Society here today that "the future in the field of psychiatry for pioneer constructive work is greater than in any other branch of medical science."

"Through ages of blundering we have at last arrived at definite proof that many forms of mental ills can be cured and can be prevented. I am more concerned with that hopeful thought than with the inhumane ignorance of the past."

"Science, which only a generation ago was falsely accused of trying to take religion away from us, is recognized now in many specialized fields such as psychiatry and psychology as directing us to lead a more truly religious lives, not just for another world but for our own physical and mental health in this one."

"The impulse to be religious is as natural as hunger and love. The right to be religious is something that we will fight for. No paranoid power can suppress it in concentration camps or shoot it away before firing squads."

"We often hear the hackneyed falsehood that a person 'went crazy over religion', when he really went crazy because he had no definite standard of religion. The eminent psychoanalyst, Dr. A. A. Brill said that no one who is truly religious develops a psychosis."

"It is my own humble faith that no man with a fixed star of hope ever became lost in his wilderness of mental ills."

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"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!"  
2 Cor. 9:15.

"Were thanks for every gift expressed  
Each day would be **Thanksgiving**  
Were gratitude its very best  
Each life would be thanks-living."

Our friends, among the many blessings for which we are most grateful is your friendship. Hasn't God been good to give us so much more than one could ever deserve?

Blessings on you as you serve just for His glory!

Gratefully,

RUBY and WILLIS BROWN.

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Sunday, November 16, marked the beginning of the fourth year of the pastorate of Dr. B. Frank Smith with the Lyon Church. During this time there has been a net increase in the membership of fourteen percent. Bible school attendance during the same time has averaged twenty-three percent above the preceding three years. In the associational year just closed this church gave to all causes outside the local church \$1,296, or thirty-four percent of all receipts. Under the sponsorship of the men, table tennis, shuffleboard and other recreational equipment has been installed in the basement for use by the young people, under the direction of the pastor.

**OUTLINE OF MESSAGE ON CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM DELIVERED AT CONVENTION IN MERIDIAN**  
Alton B. Pierce, Pastor  
Crystal Springs, Mississippi

Scripture: Acts 1:8; 4:34.

In these passages we see the command to be witnesses unto Christ to the end of the earth. This is the duty of every Christian. In the second passage we see where the people voluntarily brought all they had of material things and laid them at the disciples' feet, and each person was cared for according to his needs out of this common treasury. The Co-operative Program operates on the same principle, only causes are cared for instead of individuals.

It is our responsibility to carry on the threefold ministry of Christ; that of preaching, teaching and healing. The Co-operative Program is not something we give to, but the channel through which to give to carry out these commands. The word co-operate means to operate jointly for the accomplishing of mutually desired ends.

I believe the Co-operative Program is the best means yet tried for the carrying out of the Great Commission. The following are some of the reasons why I believe in the Co-operative Program:

1. Because it is Scriptural. The principle of co-operation was exercised in the creation of the world. The Triune God said, "Let us make man." We see the principle also in war when Gideon with three hundred men under God's instruction put great hosts to flight. The four men bringing the sick man to Jesus and letting him down through the roof was co-operation. Also after Pentecost they had all things common and received according to need.

2. It is democratic. Every individual can share in this program according to his ability. Every church can share also.

3. It has a unifying effect on all our work. It helps us see all our mission work as one great task and not several. The thought of every Christian and every church being able to support all our work through the same channel is challenging and unifying.

4. It is comprehensive. All causes are included. None is left out. Regardless of the size of our gifts, every cause gets its part.

5. It is practical. If a part of the budget in every church was given each month through the Co-operative, there would be a regular and dependable income to count on.

6. It is equitable. Each cause shares according to its respective need. Some do not flourish while others go lacking, but all share in the increase as well as decrease when necessary.

7. It is economical. There will be no need for field men to go around to present the different causes if the pastor and other workers in the church will do it. They can do it better and at less cost. Dr. Dillard stated that it would take 2400 people a year to present all the work to all our churches if each worker visited two churches every Sunday. If each worker received one thousand dollars for salary and traveling expenses it would cost \$2,400,000.00 annually.

8. It is glorious. Makes men partners in this world-wide program of winning the world to Christ. It also makes us all partners with Christ in the establishing of His Kingdom on earth.

9. It is growing. Statistics in our own state and in the southland show that there is more giving through this program.

10. It fits in perfectly and is most effective where the churches adopt God's plan of "storehouse tithing." If all our churches were obedient and brought all of God's tithe into the church, there would be enough to meet all needs at home and to the end of the earth. The fact that we have so many different and direct calls is a confession that we have not yet come to God's plan for financing His work. There would be enough to pay all our debts and keep the work going if we do it God's way. May God hasten the day when His people will learn that it is easier and better to do it His way than our own.

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\* Pastor A. B. Pierce reports an increase in his mission budget at Crystal Springs for the year 1942.



**DR. N. D. TIMMERMAN GOES TO BARTLETTSVILLE, OKLAHOMA**

Dr. N. D. Timmerman, for six years pastor of the First Church, Clarksdale, has recently accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Bartlettville, Oklahoma.

While he was at Clarksdale the B. T. U. grew from an enrollment of less than one hundred to two hundred. The Sunday school enrollment also grew to approximately 1100. The old debt of over \$15,000 was reduced to less than \$7,000. In addition, about \$3,000 was spent last year to redecorate the auditorium and annex. During Dr. Timmerman's pastorate there were more than six hundred additions. Well, Mississippi's loss is Oklahoma's gain.

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**SHALL WE ELECT MORE SECRETARIES?**

Dr. Cox's article in The Record of November 20 is timely. As to be expected of him, he shows good judgment in his position. Each reader who desires a hearing on this should write him. This article raises the question, Should we at this time employ more secretaries? The Brotherhood wants a secretary. The B. S. U. wants one and some are wanting an Educational Secretary. We are told the Executive Secretary needs another helper. That The Baptist Record needs more help since the subscription list has grown so much.

I have no doubt but all these would do good. In fact, I think it would be fine to have all of them if we could well afford it. But at this time we need to be very careful in the expenditure of our mission money. After all, I believe it is "more horse we need instead of more harness." Let us go on as we are with what we have until our debts are paid. Let us put our money into things that are supremely fundamental until we have more money to put out than we now have.

These secretaries and helpers, I suppose, would cost us \$12,500 a year. This is a good sum of money to vote out when some other parts of our work which are more fundamental stand in so much need. According to the New Testament the preaching of the gospel is our supreme task. This is fundamental.

We have in our state many country churches that are weak. Take all of our real churches as a whole and I doubt them showing the strength they did fifteen or twenty years ago. They must have help if they live. Our State Mission Board is the institution to help them. I plan to say more soon about this part of our work.

B. E. PHILLIPS,  
Newhebron, Miss.

BR

**Salem Church, Neshoba County**—We are happy over the forward steps this fine old rural church is taking. They have stood firm for the faith. Recently a W. M. S. was organized with 19 members. Good interest is being shown in Sunday school work. A B. T. U. will soon be organized. Plans are being worked out for a new building with ample Sunday school rooms. The pastor is sure The Baptist Record will greatly bless the homes of the church.—F. G. Wilborn, pastor.

## Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"Go" Mt. 5:24; "Go" Mt. 10:6; "Go" Mt. 11:4; "Go" Mt. 28:7; "Go" Mt. 28:19; "Go" Mk. 16:15; "Go" Lk. 9:60.

"Give" Mt. 5:42; "Give" Mt. 10:8; "Give" Mt. 19:21; "Give" Lk. 6:38; "Give" II Cor. 9:7.

**I**  
It is a joy for us to sign the Clarke College check each month.

We also rejoice in signing monthly the check for Ministerial Education. It means help for young, struggling, hopeful preachers of Christ—some with wife and children.

Mississippi Baptists, you should catch the thrill of it as those monthly checks go out from here for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Christian Education, Seminaries, Training School, Orphanage, Hospital, Ministers Relief, etc. It is from the work of grace in your hearts. Doxology!

**II**  
Jesus in presenting His disciples on one occasion said, "But whoso shall offend (cause to stumble) one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Mt. 18:6.

Very likely he was warning the Pharisees who were first-class hinderers and hecklers.

Often have we said in our work through the years, people need to be loved, and encouraged, and helped.

Yonder goes a person down the walk. He has a burden upon his shoulders. Someone throws an object in his pathway. He stumbles. The other one laughs.

Here are God's people under the burden of giving the Gospel to a lost world. A world going to hell. We expect the bootlegger, the adulterer and their ilk to try to trip us. Joining this crowd are some from inside the ranks. They are so few in number, let us forget them.

Our God marches on!  
Mississippi Baptists are on the march!  
Doxology!

**III**  
We sincerely "feel sorry" for that professed Christian who has not learned the lesson of forgiveness. We tremble for those professed Christians bound by hate.

Sometime ago we had to speak sharply to a man about his attitude toward some in these offices. Frankly, we were not happy in it.

Later we called him to the office. After chatting briefly, we stood in prayer. He let loose a hearty "Amen." We clasped hands.

He is now regarded as one of our best friends. It would be a joy to the writer to fight for him.

"Lover never fails."

The Christ-life is good to live by, or, it is no good at all.

**IV**  
Last year (1940) we came to the Convention with five items in overhead, so-called. They were—Convention Board office, Baptist Record, Minister Retirement, Now Club, and W. M. U. We stated that we felt the Minister Retirement might be eliminated. It was eliminated as an overhead item this year. We reduced the first two by seven thousand dollars. The W. M. U. item remained static, and, only in Now Club did we have an increase.

In other words, improvement was made in three of the five items. That suggests sincerity and earnest effort at least.

We should cut the Now Club expense in half at least. Watch it as we prove it.

Don't forget, anyway, the Now Club cost not one cent net, for we save over \$16,000 interest on bonds called.

"A little more go, a little less blow," as the In-

dian Chief says, would help in all the work of Christ.

May God bless that great army of Christ out there for your work with HIM!

You helped win the more than 13,000 to Christ last year.

You helped give the more than \$354,000 to the causes of Christ last year.

V

These questions come:

1. Our pastor said "most of our money goes for Christian Education." Is that true?

Answer: Maybe you misunderstand your pastor. A little over 25% went to Christian Education this year. This was due to our effort to retire bonds ahead of schedule.

2. Our pastor said "a little clique is trying to run things in our denomination." Is that true?

Answer: You probably did not understand your pastor. No little clique could do the gigantic work carried on by God's army of Mississippi Baptists.

Cliques never worried us in the pastorate. They do not now worry us. Hinderers are the ones who more frequently try to stand in the way.

VI

Many fine actions were taken by the Convention in recent sessions.

In our opinion, the action that may prove most significant was in the adoption of a recommendation by the State Advisory Evangelistic Committee, calling for a great sweeping state-wide Evangelistic Campaign in 1943. The time—following the annual Evangelistic Conference. The starting point—the Gulf Coast, and sweeping up-state. Fifteen or twenty counties will be in simultaneous meetings until the thing breaks against the Tennessee line several weeks later. It will break against the shores of eternity! It will never end in results! It grips us! It thrills us! It makes us humble! It makes us happy! It makes us prayerful!

Every association should also take the suggestion of a preparatory county-wide cooperative campaign in 1942. "O Lord revive the work in the midst of the years." Hab. 3:2.

The question comes: "What is the chief emphasis of Mississippi Baptists?"

That is one we gladly answer! That is one we are able to answer according to evidence! We answer "Evangelism." Our State Mission program is shot through with the Evangelistic emphasis. It appears in almost every item in our budget.

(1) The State Missionary pastors in seventy churches certainly do in part the work of evangelists.

(2) Revival meetings are held in the thirty church houses we are aiding this year.

(3) Our four evangelists are being blessed of the Lord.

(4) The Sunday school department in state missions is positively evangelistic.

(5) The B. T. U. rushes trained recruits to the front for soul-winning.

(6) The little work we do among the Negroes and Indians has in part an evangelistic tone.

(7) Our B. S. U. work is a flame of evangelistic fervor.

How God our Father has blessed these young people in revivals.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS GET THE TRUTH!

"Are they ministers of Christ? I am more." II Cor. 11:23.

Read also II Cor. 11:13-15.

Paul was in what we term "general" work or, "field" work. He was evidently receiving criticism from some of the official local powers that be.

Paul only occasionally takes notice of carping criticism. He did it when such carping criticism affected the work of the Lord Jesus.

Here he is telling the critics, that while he is a missionary (at times state, at times home, and at other times foreign), he is not only as much of a minister as they, but he is more in some ways. (11:23-33.)

That is true. The "field" man suffers some losses, misses some of the sweetness of the pastorate.

He also preaches more often, and to more people, covers more territory, sees more fruitage fall into God's hands. He enjoys a fellowship with Christ's

other ministers unsurpassed and meets choicest people in Christ wherever he goes.

We "suffer all things lest we should hinder the work of Christ." I Cor. 9:12.

It would be fine for more of us to practice the Christian life at that point!

VII

When we went to Neshoba county we found a "whispering campaign" being conducted against the work of the Lord Jesus as done by our fine predecessor and his associates. At times this campaign tried to assume the proportions of a trumpeting campaign from court square. It again tried to insinuate itself in the life of First Baptist Church, Philadelphia. It failed most miserably of all in this last effort. It was "gone with the wind" generally.

We repeatedly wrote Dr. Gunter for information as to the conduct of our work. People over there loved the truth as God's people always love the truth. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you FREE." John 8:32, versus John 8:43-45, and Rev. 21:8.

Under the propagation of the TRUTH by Pastors Burnett, Breland, Byrd, Sansing, Davis, Smith, Jones and others, salvation came to the lost, peace came into the churches, growth came to the whole cause of Christ.

VIII

Evangelist Gypsy Smith brought a splendid message on "Regeneration" the only evening we were able to hear him. The congregation was interested, therefore attentive.

Dr. and Mrs. Hewitt were most cordial in a luncheon given a group honoring the Evangelist.

IX

We regretted missing the Philadelphia building dedication. The invitation from Chairman Webb and Pastor Corder was greatly appreciated. That Sunday had been taken for a long time. A dozen calls came for it. The King's business was certainly at peak on that day. May God's richest blessings abide upon all! Psa. 121, John 15.

X

Sunday was a delightful day in witnessing and in His work. It entailed driving 355 miles and speaking three times in George County.

Eleven a. m. Lucedale. House filled. Mrs. J. R. Goff joins Pastor Jenkins in saying "Lucedale is over the top in the Now Club." A new church house is in prospect. Of course, Brother Jenkins is happy.

We were privileged to be in the home of a fine young Christian couple, Mr. and Mrs. James Milledge. We performed the ceremony some years ago.

Brother Goff guided us out to Shady Grove. Pastor Harbin has done fine work there. We had a great time with them.

Brother Malone accompanied us to Rock Creek in the evening. Good crowd. Pastor Brooks has had a fruitful ministry here.

Rutledge Courtney, fine young Mississippi College student, made the trip with us.

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Dr. John L. Sutton, superintendent of the Mississippi Children's Home Society, says that over half of the children placed by that institution are placed in Baptist homes. He made a brief announcement at the Convention, and asks for five minutes on the Convention program, hereafter.

Brookhaven First Church: We had unusually large congregations and two additions to the church Sunday, Nov. 16. There have been 45 additions in regular services since September 1.—S. H. Jones, Pastor.

"Pastors and Executive Committee met Monday, Nov. 17th, 6 p. m., here to plan for county-wide Evangelistic Campaign, Oct. 4-11, 1942. Newton women served supper to them."—R. A. Morris, Pastor.

The Bethany Baptist Church of Lauderdale County invites you to attend its special Thanksgiving service November 27 at 6 o'clock. Special music will be brought by a girls' quartette composed of Cleo White, Martha and Ann Sumrall and Carolyn Griffith. Three of these girls finished Mississippi College last year. The fourth finishes this year. George H. Moseley from Gloster, Miss., and a junior at Mississippi College, will preach the sermon."—Tom Douglas, Pastor.

# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

## OUR STATE OFFICERS

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Training School Trustee—Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Jackson, Miss.

We, in the W. M. U. office, would be ingrates if we did not express our gratitude to Dr. P. I. Lipsey, the editor of The Baptist Record for the past thirty years, for the generous space allotted to the Woman's Missionary Union in The Baptist Record each week. We want to thank him for his co-operation in every phase of our work.

This department has been closely associated with him since 1933, when we moved our office next door to The Baptist Record office. We thought we appreciated Dr. Lipsey ere this but after having been neighbors to him, our appreciation has deepened. His deeply consecrated life, the fellowship with him in our devotional periods, his helpfulness in solving our problems, his understanding and advice when we sought counsel of him, have all contributed to the spiritual development of all in this office.

We have suffered a great loss in losing him as our neighbor but we are still rich in having him as a friend. Dr. Lipsey, we thank you for all you have done for us personally and for your contribution to Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

The following is a letter received in the W. M. U. office from Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn of Santiago, Chile:

Received your letter yesterday and was indeed delighted to hear from you. I have dedicated today to answering some long-neglected correspondence despite the fact that my arm is sore from a typhoid injection that I had last night. You just don't know how much good it did me to hear from you, for hardly a day passes that I do not think of you, Miss Taylor and others in the W. M. U. there. I suppose each of you and the work there shall always have a very definite part of my heart. I can never quite get away from the fact that I sorta belong there.

Despite the fact that I have been sick a good bit this winter, yet I have been extremely happy and glad to be getting a little nearer the time when I can really do something. There were about several months when I felt terrible most of the time—colds, flu, throat infection, and it seemed a thousand other things along with rheumatism. But finally it came to a head in an attack of appendicitis. Well, since the operation I have gradually felt better until now I feel normal and perfectly grand. My vigor and energy have come back and the rheumatism is gone. The doctor said it was a good thing I had that attack, for we might not have found out what was causing all the trouble. Well, the Lord was wonderfully gracious to me—I had a great doctor, good attention, and the only trouble I had at all was a stomach upset from the ether. I sat up in a chair the fourth day and ate my dinner and went home that afternoon late. On the eighth day I went to the doctor's office.

It was so thrilling to hear about the "Homecoming" in the new building at the Training School. How I would have loved being there! I know it must be perfectly beautiful. Some of the girls sent me pictures of the inside and outside of it. Am looking forward to the day that I can go back there and see it.

These last few weeks since my operation have certainly been busy ones for me. Have been working on the plans for the opening of the T. S. here in March. Had several letters in hand from girls requesting consideration for their entrance this first year. I have had correspondence with several fine prospects, and also have had conferences with two or three. After laboring over the questionnaires that I have to send out, and the requirements for entrance, I had to make a trip to Temuco to consult with my committee and get their approval. I have just returned from Temuco, and the committee approved all that I had done without a single correction and with only one small

addition to what I had. I have been rushing to try to get these preliminary questionnaires printed and into the hands of some of the girls before our Convention meets here the first of January.

After writing my plans to Dr. Maddry some weeks ago and telling what we lacked yet before we could open—another bathroom, finishing of the dining room, and a few other things—we received almost immediately a check for over a thousand dollars from the Over and Above of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. And so now we are beginning the work on the finishing of the building. He told me that if that was not enough to finish the building and buy the equipment that they would send more in January, and how grateful I felt to the women of the South for their generous gifts through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. It is making possible at last the fulfilling of one of the greatest needs in Chile—trained leaders to work in the churches, especially with our women's and children's organizations.

Also while in Temuco I had a wonderful recreational trip. Miss Graham and Miss Brower had planned a trip especially for a week-end that I would be there, so that I could go. Two of the Chilean teachers there in the college, Miss Graham, Miss Spence and I went to the Volcano Villarrica and spent two nights and a day there in the lodge right at the foot of the volcano. Early one morning we saw the sunrise behind the volcano and later that day climbed almost to the top of it, playing in the snow (it is covered in snow the year round). My face was plenty blistered from the reflection on the snow. We drove half around Lake Villarrica. It is perfectly beautiful, and reminds me of the Sea of Galilee (or as I imagine it looks).

We are having our Women's Institute this month—the last week. Also, the Seminary will be closing (I have been teaching one class these last two quarters), besides the work beginning on the building. In December our churches here will have their annual picnics, and preparation for the baptismal services on Christmas Day. In the meantime, Mrs. McConnel and I are working on a pageant with the young people from the various churches here in Santiago (four) to be presented at the Women's Convention of the General Convention which meets the first week in January. My, my, the costume problem here is terrific, and the matter of practice is almost worse. Half of our children go to school in the morning and the other half in the afternoon until about 5 o'clock (there are not enough schools available even with this arrangement), and so we are having to have two groups of practice, one in the afternoon and one at night. The night one so that the young girls who work may participate. We are using one of Mrs. Creasman's pageants that Mary Moore has translated. However, I had to work it over some and cut parts of it out because of the length and also the lack of costumes and the lack of funds with which to secure them (materials are tremendously high here).

My little group of girls in G. A. are going along fine and growing right along. I will enclose a picture of my little group. The president of the Auxiliary was not present in the picture, for she goes to a nursing school and is sometimes unable to attend (wish I had the time and space to tell you about her case—it is most interesting and also appalling).

The National Eucharistic Congress of Catholics will be held here in Santiago Nov. 2-9. I have never in all my life seen such elaborate preparations for anything as are being made for this. I am buying a roll or two of film to take moving pictures of it—the most elaborate parts. I surely hope they turn out well, for they will be grand to show at home.

Well, I must bring this to a close if I expect to

get all my letters written today. Thursday is my least full day, so that is why I have decided to use it for letter writing.

With deepest love and sincere prayers, I am always

Just,  
GEORGIA MAE.  
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## INTERMEDIATES AND THE PREACHING SERVICE

Miss Harriet Fuller, Intermediate Superintendent, Southside Baptist Church, McComb, Mississippi

To some Intermediates, the church service is nothing more than a closed meeting for adults; to others, it is the main service of the church where they exercise the privilege of church membership by actively engaging in the preaching service. Their attitude depends largely on the attitude of the church. When Intermediates are recognized as a vital link in church organization and are given definite responsibilities, seldom will they walk out on their job!

Intermediates can be made to feel that the preaching service is their service only when we make room for them. Good teaching and examples of loyalty on the part of leaders are invaluable, but nothing appeals to the boy or girl as much as a place especially prepared for them. Some Intermediates love to sing in the choir. Make a place for them. Our pastor began encouraging this practice some months ago and now our department is always represented in the song service. Ask some Intermediate boys to receive the offering once in a while. They appreciate this expression of confidence and lasting impressions are made as they pass the plates to receive the Lord's money. There are many little things we can do to remind them that they are the church of tomorrow.

Too often we plan our services with no thought of the boys and girls. Too often we wonder why they leave us for the attractions especially designed for them.

In making room for the Intermediates in our church we have seen them accept their place as loyal soldiers of the cross. We have seen them maintain an average of above 90% in church attendance. These young people have a keen sense of loyalty. Make them feel that they are saying "No" to God when they walk out on the preaching of His word and they'll show devotion to Christ that puts our adults to shame.

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"We received the auditor's report as prepared by Mr. Thos. E. Quin, and have carefully examined the same. We find it to show an orderly and thorough audit, and the report is well prepared. Insofar as our work is concerned here, we shall be glad to have you continue his services in our annual audits."—D. M. Nelson, president; B. K. Albritton, purser.

Money and Schlater Churches have raised salary of Rev. A. T. Engell, also increased percentage to Cooperative Program for 1942. Robert Martin and Sidon organized B. T. U. recently.—C. J. Olander.

Your Secretary appreciates the cooperation of Miss Sandlin, office secretary, The Baptist Record Department, and The Vicksburg Post, publishers, in helping us get out The Baptist Record in the "ad interim." Last week was our first issue, as you know, under the instruction from the Board. Brother Goodrich gave proof reading special attention. This has been the greatest weakness. Mesdames Moss, Bell and Goodrich helped also. Thanks to you!

Mississippi Baptists hear with sorrow the news of the loss of Brother Guy Little's six-year-old boy in a tractor accident. May our Heavenly Father's blessings abide with them.

Thursday, November 27, 1941.

## THE BAPTIST RECORD

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## NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND

CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

I

We are to complete taking up our \$106,400 in bonds next week. In addition we pay \$15,000 semi-annual interest.

This may only be done by Mississippi Baptists sending to us NOW—every dollar possible of cooperative program monies (25% goes to Christian Education); every dollar possible of Now Club and Five Thousand Club monies, and any designated for that purpose anybody feels led of the Lord to send in.

We count on pastors!

We count on church treasurers!

We count on local W. M. S. presidents!

We count on every consecrated servant of the Lord Jesus! That should mean EVERY MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST.

NOW! — NOW! — NOW!

II

Mississippi Baptists will be glad to know that we save \$16,392 in interest on the bonds we are calling this December first. We are calling all bonds maturing 1943-47, inclusive.

We must have every dollar possible in hand to do this successfully.

III

Help through the Now Club NOW!

Many churches report putting the Now Club in the budget for next year. That should mean increased returns for several of these churches have not participated largely so far. It was their plan all along to include it in this budget.

Others are this fall putting on their individual solicitation campaign for the first time.

It appears the best days of the Now Club may lie ahead. That is as it should be.

We will have a great victory celebration some of these days. Be sure your "sign" will be in it.

IV

We can prove indisputably that some folks have been thinking big thoughts, and, doing big deeds in Christian Education support, while a few verbal geysers have been flowing. Flow on.

We paid this year in cash \$15,000 M. W. C. notes, given by the Convention some years ago. We also sent this year \$24,400 down there for calling bonds in that amount. Only 1942 maturities remain of this issue—\$2,000.

We paid Blue Mountain College this year \$10,000 on a note of the above issue. In addition we are taking up the last one of the \$50,000 Blue Mountain bond issue.

We have paid Mississippi College, this year, over \$800 that had been carried in a note for some years.

While some exercise the right to slander the work of Jesus, we claim and will continue to exercise the right to spread "good news" in truth and in love.

V

The following from one Now Club Chairman brings us more good news:

"Please send me a package of Now Club envelopes. We have gone \$300 over our quota, but find people asking for these envelopes."

Over-the-Top Churches for this week:

Gunnison—Bolivar.

Carson—Jeff Davis.

Holly Springs—Marshall.

Doddsville—Sunflower.

Bethel—Winston.

VI

No. 529 for \$100, Gunnison in Bolivar (McLaurin and Hightower, field workers).

No. 3278 for \$36, Shady Grove in George (Mrs. Bates, worker).

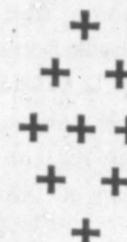
No. 3279 for \$36, No. 3280 for \$36, Leakesville in Greene.

No. 3276 for \$36, Gulfport First, in Gulf Coast (Mrs. McCartney, worker).

No. 530 for \$100, Tchula in Holmes (McLaurin and Hightower, field workers).

No. 99 for \$250, Carson in Jeff Davis (Hightower, field worker).

No. 574 for \$50, Society Hill in Jeff Davis (Mc-



Dr. Norman W. Cox and the First Baptist Church of Meridian have launched plans to make their dream of an additional Sunday School building come true.

The building will cost about forty thousand dollars to build and furnish on the basis of today's costs. The architecture of the proposed building is designed to match the architecture of the present building. It will be located just west of the auditorium on property now owned by the church.

A planning committee has been appointed consisting of the following: Pastor, Norman W. Cox;

Chairman, Miss Ella Arp; Secretary, Dr. George W. Bounds; Mr. A. S. Bozeman, Mrs. J. Claude Brunson, Mr. George T. Carter, Mr. John W. Dear, Dr. M. L. Flynt, Mr. J. A. Lacour, Mrs. Wilson Moore, Mr. Lawrence McRaven, Mr. R. H. Phillips, Mr. John Primm, Miss Lena Pearl Spinks, Mr. George V. Stevens and Mr. W. F. Temple.

And the church is committed to a policy of building without going in debt. A substantial amount is in this year's budget for it and special gifts are being received. But a plan to sell annuities has been worked out that should appeal to other churches contemplating building.

## GOD COUNTS

Some brethren seem afraid of numbers. Maybe it is because God's servant sinned a time or two as recorded in the Old Testament—sinned in depending upon numbers. Maybe they are afraid of pride creeping in.

We may eat too much, sleep too much, rest too much—but that does not deny the proper place of these things in life.

God counts! Let us look at—

## Numbers In New Testament

"The twelve." Matt. 10:1-2.

"An hundred and twenty." Acts 1:15.

"And the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Acts 2:41.

"And the Lord added to the church daily, such as should be saved." Acts 2:47.

"Howbeit, many of them which heard the word believed, and the number of men was about five thousand." Acts 4:4.

"And the multitude of them that believed." Acts 4:32, and 5:14.

"And the word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly." Acts 6:7.

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." Rev. 5:11-12.

"And I beheld, and lo, a multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and kindreds and people, and tongues, stood before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

"And cried with a loud voice saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Rev. 7:9-10.

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## GOING PLACES

(Continued from Page Five)

in Noxubee County. He accepted this work only six months ago. He has already led the church to accept its Now Club quota. As pastor at Bethel Church in Winston County he has also led them to accept their Now Club quota.

Noxubee County now has Record readers as follows: Brooksville 7; Gholson 1; Macon 3; Mashulaville 8; SHUQUALAK 31; West Side 6.

## BAY SPRINGS

A person visiting Bay Springs now after an absence of a few years would hardly recognize the place. The new church is a "thing of beauty and a joy forever." Pastor E. S. Sumrall keeps leading them onward and upward. The budget has been over-paid and contributions are growing regularly. They now have in hand \$2,228 toward a new parsonage. J. J. Denson is doing good work as Sunday School superintendent, as is H. L. Gatewood as B. T. U. director. As always the W. M. U. is doing things under the leadership of Mrs. W. J. Shoemaker.

The following are the Jasper County Baptist Record subscribers:

BAY SPRINGS 77; FELLOWSHIP 10; HEIDELBERG 35; LOUIN 57; MONTROSE 31; OLD FELLOWSHIP 11; Stringer 1; VOSSBURG 15; CORINTH 20; PINE GROVE 11; Springdale 1; Antioch 1.

The young son of Pastor and Mrs. A. B. Pierce has been in the hospital for some days. Record readers will be glad to know he is resting nicely at this writing.

Holly Bluff has called Rev. Don Land of Denver, Colo. His decision is pending on other work to form the field.

Conditions suggest that the bodies of soldier boys may be coming back flag covered before the passing of many months. Mississippi Baptists have a great opportunity in ministering to the saved. They have the same opportunity in preaching Jesus to the lost.

## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary  
JOHN A. FARMER, Associate  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elem. Sec.

### Thanksgiving

Every day should be Thanksgiving with Christians. We have much for which to thank our Lord each day. The fact that we live and have glorious opportunities for serving Him in the greatest of all the tasks that can ever come to any people should make our hearts rejoice again and again and lead us to want to sincerely thank Him for it all.

But, we are also grateful that a national day of Thanksgiving has been set apart for this. It should be a great day; it may be if we will to make it so. As we think of all the turmoil and strife and suffering and hardships in this old world today, how we should thank our God that our own country has been spared so much of it. We have a great country because through the years of its history God has had a place in its life; we should strive and pray that He may have the chief place.

Thanksgiving! What memories that day brings back to us! The first offering we ever made to a Baptist cause beyond the local church was on a Thanksgiving many years ago in a rural community, then our home, and that offering was to the Baptist Orphanage. We have that privilege this year also. May it be a day of genuine Thanksgiving for every one, and may our blessings be rightly used.

### Libraries

The more people read the right kind of literature, the more and better work will be done for we will be in position to do it. It takes knowledge to make advancement anywhere, and this goes for religion as well as the other things we do.

In the September Library report from the Sunday School Board, we note that 25 libraries reported from Mississippi. In those 25 reports, the total number of books was given as 3,275; the number of books added during that month, 137; the libraries were open a total of 207 hours, and 745 books were borrowed that month.

Every library started means much good reading for many, because many people are not accessible to a good library. The Sunday School Board still gives some good, new books to every church that will organize a library. Write for leaflet of information. Organize a church library.

### Four Quarters

The Busy Bees Junior class, Morton, was standard every quarter of the past year. Mrs. Percy Gordy is the teacher of this fine class. Congratulations to them on this excellent record.

### Send the Reports

A great number of Sunday school teacher training classes have been recently held. Please send the reports of these promptly so that the awards may be secured as early as possible. If you do not have the regular report blank, we shall be glad to send some on request. Or, if you send us

### PROBLEMS OF SOLDIER WORK IN AND ABOUT SHELBY

In facing fairly some problems relative to the soldier program in and around Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, we would not leave the impression that there is not another side to the work that is fine and challenging. However, I want to present here some real problems we face.

First, there is a need of closer relationship between the Baptist pastors and our Lebanon Association, and Camp Chaplains. A number of these fine Chaplains come to us from other states. They are not acquainted with our State Denominational leaders, nor with the local constituency. An exchange of pulpits, talents and experiences would be highly beneficial. Our Chaplains should also receive our State Baptist paper complimentary. They are receiving Jewish, Catholic, Christian Scientists, Methodist, Presbyterian and many others on this basis.

Again, as yet, we have no adequate supervised social program for soldiers when they get to town. This is an immediate and imperative need. Not that we want to turn our Baptist program into one of social reform, but there are certain conditions we have to face. If law officers will do nothing about the large number of jute joints, dance halls, beer parlors, liquor dispensers, night spots and taxi dance halls, others of us are, in a large measure, helpless. But it goes without question that many of our boys go to these dives because there is little else offered them. We should not be so quick to condemn them for their waywardness when we are doing so little for them. If Baptists had, at the beginning of Camp Shelby, spent not dollar for dollar but 25c for dollar spent by this Godless crowd, we would have offered a virile, challenging program that would have attracted and held a large group of these young Americans.

And this leads me to say that we lack funds to put on an attractive program. In Hattiesburg one of the most attractive and best equipped social and rest centers is owned and operated by the Lutherans. They have spent better than \$5000.00 to get equipped, pay more than \$200.00 a month rent and have two full-time, well trained men on the field all the time. The Jews, under the U. S. O., have built an addition to the Synagogue and have turned the entire street floor into an excellent recreational and rest hall. The Catholics, under the U. S. O., have possibly closed a deal for a new brick building, in which they are to put in the very latest and best equipment they can purchase. Plans are on foot at this writing by other religious groups to follow this same path. Of course, some will argue that in that we have a number of Baptist churches in Hattiesburg, and that they are so well located, why the need of a Baptist center? It is simple to understand. No church has open house day and night, seven days each week. Nor would they want to install magazines, ping pong tables, radio, dominoes, checkers and other types of wholesome games for a pastime. Nor would they want to have 16 m. m. movies

the information, we shall transfer it to the regular blank.

But, send us the reports of these classes without delay.

shown in the churches. Along with these there is also furnished beautifully embossed writing paper, envelopes, post cards and stamps free. This is a real service to the boys when they write home, and also advertises to the folks back home that a certain church group is interested. We have nothing of this nature. A center furnishes a place for the boys to lounge in, gives them a place to pass the time without going to the sin-spots or walking the streets. Personal contact is afforded in these Centers that can not be found elsewhere. Literature is free, and many a boy will take his troubles and disappointments to a preacher in a place of this kind before they will go to their superior officer in uniform. Then, too, it affords opportunity for social contact with nice, motherly women of different W. M. U. organizations and young ladies who, at stated times, will participate in supervised entertainment and refreshments. Sing-songs and devotionals can be conducted at stated times, on week days, that should stimulate church attendance on Sundays. The major need is for a program that will be operative during the week days and nights, giving the boys an opportunity to attend decent entertainment, devotional periods and other forms of time-filling hours, profitably spent.

It is positively amazing the amount of money being spent by the worldly group. Nothing is amiss, nothing short. Bright lights, beckoning signs, expensive orchestras, beautiful women, smooth floors, dark parking places and often bedrooms. Equally surprising is the amount of money being spent by certain religious and political groups, making for comfort and discipleship. Can we not, as Baptists, do a thing as decent and attractive; as big and challenging as others? Bright lights? We have the Light of the world! Beckoning signs? "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me!" Expensive orchestras? The greatest price any people have ever paid has been paid by those who give up all for the musical strains of heaven! Beautiful women? Is there a person this side of the gates of pearl more beautiful than a Christian mother or young lady? Smooth floors? The smoothest floors are to be found on the highway of God, that leads home! Dark parking places? Hiding in the shadow of the Cross, protected from all harm and danger! Bedrooms? Resting—resting in the arms of Jesus! Friend, we ask: "What is it that the world has to offer that we do not have?" Let us give it to them; freely, lovingly, without stint, without thought of financial returns. Let us do for some mother's boy what we would want someone else to do for ours.

Soon there is to come before you, by some plan devised by a committee, a call for support of this worthy cause. Will you who read this please make it a matter of prayer and sacrificial giving?

M. E. PERRY,  
Convention Board Evangelist.

### BR A CHRISTIAN IS—

"A mind through which Christ thinks,  
A heart through which Christ loves,  
A voice through which Christ speaks,  
A hand through which Christ helps."  
—Baptist Bulletin.

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD OF THE SOUTH

By Dr. Lawson H. Cooke

Dr. Austin Crouch recently released the report of Southwide funds for the nine months ending September 30, this year. It is one of the best and most encouraging reports issued in a long time.

As compared with the first nine months of last year, the report shows an increase of \$104,866.67 in Cooperative Program gifts, a decrease of \$35,183.68 in designations, and an increase of \$63,558.62 in the Hundred Thousand Club.

The report published by Dr. E. P. Alldredge in the October-November-December Quarterly Review, however, is not so encouraging. Dr. Alldredge's report shows that of the 25,239 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, 10,646, or 42.1 per cent, did not contribute anything through the Cooperative Program last year; 5,830, or 23 per cent, gave by designations only; while 4,816, or 19.1 per cent, did not give anything either way.

The Baptist Brotherhood of the South believes that the Cooperative Program is, and must remain, the foundation of the financial structure of Southern Baptists. It is a safe, sound and equitable program for financing our work.

One hundred per cent of Southern Baptist churches contributing liberally through the Cooperative Program would solve most of our denominational problems, expand our mission work to undreamed of dimensions, and immeasurably enrich the spiritual life of our churches.

The Baptist Brotherhood of the South urges a well-planned systematic and energetic movement to encourage one hundred per cent participation during 1942. To that end, and in cooperation with our State Brotherhood Secretaries, we offer our facilities and our services to our State Mission Secretaries, and to Dr. J. E. Dillard, our Director of Promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., Nov. 19—The fall number of *The Mountain Breeze*, student literary publication of Blue Mountain College is off the press. The cover design and all illustrations are by Joyce Wilkinson, Richmond, Virginia. Contributors are:

Marion Dempsey, Lexington, Massachusetts, article, "Signing The Honor Code"; Betty Ann Schwerdtmann, St. Louis, Mo., article, "Apprenticeship to Renunciation," and book review, "The Soong Sisters"; Eleanor Grace Bates, West Hartford, Conn., article, "My Church", and poetry, "Evanescence", "Rainy Day", "Thoughts"; Lynne Whitehurst, Sheffield, Ala., fiction, "Martin Creek Episode"; Virginia Jenkins, Lucedale, fiction, "Swamp Still"; Jessie Muncie, Macon, Ga., editorials, fiction, "My Brother Russ", and poetry, "July 4, 1940", "Woman At The Beach"; Elizabeth Jacob, Franklin, Ky., poetry, "Nonagenarian", "Justice"; Patricia Prince, New Albany, book review, "Captain Paul"; Jane Majure, Newton, book review, "The Keys to the Kingdom"; Dorothy Pinson, Memphis, Tenn., book review, "A Smattering of Ignorance."

Dean Ernest H. Cox, guest writer, "On Maneuvering the Faculty."

## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By  
BRACEY CAMPBELL

### Lesson for November 26 CHRISTIAN LOVE

Bible Texts: Lev. 19:17, 18, 33, 34; Deut. 6:4, 5; Matt. 22:35-38; John 3:16; 13:34, 35; I Cor. 13

#### Introduction.

It needs to be borne in mind that the Old Testament is no less a love story than the New Testament is. Men speak of law and love as distinguishing the old from the new, whereas the truth is that the law of the Old Testament is the law of love. The God of the Old Testament is the lover of His people. He chose them for Himself as distinctly and positively as an ardent young lover of the present day chooses, selects, elects a young lady to be his bride. This fact runs all through the Old Testament record. "You only have I known of all the families of the earth" (Amos 3:2) is the meaning of language which in many forms throughout the Old Testament is used by the prophets of God in speaking to His people. His love for His people moves the purpose of God in their redemption and sanctification until the process is complete in their glorification.

I. Love in the Old Testament. Lev. 19:17, 18, 33, 34; Deut. 6:4, 5.

Read these passages now. The meaning of the first two of the verses from Lev. 19 is summed up in this: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Lev. 19:18). The other passages are but prohibitions against hatred of the brother and the neighbor. The passages teach that God forbids the harboring of a hateful heart.

2. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Lev. 19:18). This is the positive statement.

3. The law regarding strangers. Lev. 19:33. Look it up and read it. The foreigner by birth who came to make his home among the people of God must be loved and fairly treated and shown by example what the religion of the true God may be made to work in the lives of His people.

4. The great commandment in the Old Testament. Deut. 6:4.

Look it up. We find it reiterated by our Lord in the passage which we are now to consider from Matthew, but we need to remind ourselves that it is an Old Testament commandment. The very nature of God is love, and He makes us His children by imparting to us His nature, and in His nature we are appointed to live, as definitely as fish are appointed to live in the sea. "He that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him" (I John 4:16).

II. The Pronouncement of the Lord of Love. Matt. 22:35-40.

1. The commandments which take first rank. Matt. 22:36. Read it. Of course the lawyer is not asking the Lord which commandment stands in the first place in the decalogue. The Ten Commandments were plainly listed and the lawyer knew them in their order, and had so known them from his boyhood. He was wanting to know which of the commandments was first in rank as to importance.

What is the character of a commandment that has the first place as to importance? "What is the firstness of every commandment?" is perhaps the best translation of the lawyer's words. The commandments which root themselves in the love of God are those of supreme importance.

2. Fruit of the love of God. Matt. 22:39. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." In God we all are brethren. If we love God with every element of our personality, heart, soul, mind, strength, thus engaging our entire personalities, we shall express that love in love to our neighbors. Say not that you love God supremely, if you hate anybody.

3. Christian insignia, John 13:34, 35. Read both of these verses. In the first the Lord is declaring that He will be pleased with no less a measure of love from us to one another than that with which He first loved us. And in the second verse (35) He is saying that the world will know we are His only if we have love one to another. It is our badge of discipleship. When you see a man on the streets of your city dressed in the uniform of the United States army, you know right away what that man is. So when you see one man manifesting the love of Christ for another and doing it in such a selfless way that you can take note that he is doing it for the love of Christ, you may know whose disciple he is.

III. God's Proof of His Love For Us. John 3:16.

Read this great passage over to yourself. God loves us: He does not want us to perish, to go to pieces, to be lost, our lives to be misspent, our powers vitiated. He wants to save us from perdition, from waste, from wandering aimlessly. So He gave up for us His Son. He sent His son to live with us that He might become one of us, and then to die for us that He might save us. Our need brought the Son; the love of the Father for us sent the Son.

IV. The Love Chapter. I Corinthians 13.

Paul was the apostle of faith; but he wrote the hymn of love. There is nothing fit to be compared with it in all the other literature of the world. Memorize it. Coin it. Learn it. Live it.

Good old Doctor M. O. Patterson gave me the analysis years ago which I now write to you.

1. Love a binding necessity. V. 1-3.

Now read the verses. Mastery of language is out, if love is absent. Love is more important, is all important over the gift of prophecy, the possession of knowledge, the possession of faith. Charity is of no value, and zeal is naught availng without love.

2. The characteristics of love. V. 4-7. Dr. Patterson was fond of the word "quality." You may say, "The qualities of love," if you like that better. Look! (a) "Suffereth long," is not easily roused to resentment, it patiently bears whatever comes. (b) "Is kind," is helpful, is ready to be put to use. (c) "Envieth not," does not envy gifted persons their gifts, nor covet the goods of others. (d) "Vaunteth not," is not a braggart, knowing that self-praise is half-scandal. (e) "Is not puffed up," is not conceited. (f) "Doth not behave itself unseemly," does not so misbehave as to infringe the rights of others. (g) "Seeketh not its own," is not self-

### REPORT OF SOLDIER SERVICE

Please accept this letter as a report on the work among the soldiers, covering the first month of work—October. The reason for the delay is because I have been trying to figure out some form suitable but find that thus far nothing works.

The major part of the month was given over to "Home Coming" as planned and carried out by the men of the city and officials of camp. I had nothing to do with the program, other than to fit in. My duties were multitudinous and varied. However, the plan, as a whole, were counted a success.

1. About 3,500 soldiers attended church on the closing day of the campaign, and possibly 2,500 invited out to dinner.

2. I have conducted three services in camp, to approximately 700 in one group, 500 in another and 400 in another.

3. I also have spoken in Sunrise Church to 125 soldiers, 38th Avenue to 50 or 60, Glendale to 12 or 15, along to other members of these churches.

4. Have met with and had conferences with all of our Baptist chaplains, and many chaplains of other denominations.

5. Had one meeting of our Associational Committee, discussing ways and means.

6. Planned to have Brother Carpenter with us in a special association wide meeting of pastors but he could not come.

7. Have given out about 600 Gospels of John and more than 5,000 tracts.

8. 77 hands have gone up for prayer in different services. Have won 63 to Christ and have had 127 private conferences with boys, either on invitation, by chance or while giving them a ride to or from camp.

9. Have visited Biloxi three times and Pascagoula once, also Meridian air base but made no connection there.

10. Am working in conjunction with other religious as governmental leaders in Hattiesburg on the soldier program as a whole.—M. E. Perry.

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### MAKE YOUR OWN APPLICATION

Five reasons why I do not go to the movies:

1. I was made to go too often when I was young.

2. Nobody ever speaks to me when I go there.

3. When I have gone I have always been asked for money.

4. The manager never calls at my home.

5. The people who go there don't live up to the fine things they see in the pictures.—Hugh Elmer Brown.

seeking. (Wish there were space for all of them. You see them. Ponder them.)

3. The enduring quality, the permanence of love. v. 8-12. Read the verses, and not what things perish, but love remains.

4. Love's supremacy. v. 13. Faith, hope, and love abide, and don't you forget it. They do not pass away. They are of the deep-down things. They shall abide amidst all trials, and beyond all time, in eternity as here. But of the three, love is supreme.

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# SOUTHERN BAPTISTS MARCHING ON

By Walter M. Gilmore, Treas., Executive Committee, S. B. C.

## In High Financial Society

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has just called its bond issue made a year ago by negotiating a loan from the First National Bank of the City of New York for \$450,000 for a period of a little over seven years, thus saving to the denomination in interest more than \$30,000.00 net. The bonds bore an interest rate of 3½ and 3¾ per cent while the bank is charging us only 2½ per cent.

An interesting fact in connection with this loan is that it is the first time The First National Bank of the City of New York, which is one of the outstanding and most conservative banks in the world, has ever made such a loan to any religious organization, it is said. The money was loaned on a plain note, without any collateral whatever, except the integrity of Southern Baptists.

## A Gilt-Edge Credit Established

Why would such a conservative banking institution in another section of the country in a great cosmopolitan area, accustomed to dealing with large and well established business concerns, be willing to trust the honesty of Southern Baptists to such an extent? By their persistent and successful efforts to pay their debts promptly and fully through the Hundred Thousand Club and in every other possible way, Southern Baptists have won for themselves an enviable reputation, which has become generally known to the great financial institutions of this country. And so now they are able to cash in on their good reputation for honesty and fair dealing with their creditors.

## Aren't You Glad?

Are you not glad that you are a member of the Hundred Thousand Club and have had some part in bringing about this favorable and fortunate state of affairs? Maybe, for some reason satisfactory to your own conscience, you have not yet gotten in on this Hundred Thousand Club Movement. It is not too late now. Join the Club today and be able to share with your fellow debt-paying Baptists in the great joy when complete victory is won in 1945.

## A Mighty Host

Southern Baptists are a numerous host capable of becoming a mighty host, if only they were all fully enlisted. With only a partial enlistment of possibly not over one-third of their membership, they are making tremendous strides forward along many lines. What if the 5,000,000 enrolled in our church membership were thoroughly enlisted! This is the challenging, the imperative task of all our churches.

**Fall In Line!**

**Catch Step!**

**Forward March!**

**On To Victory!**

## Signs of Increasing Interest

This fact is being registered in the increased receipts through the Co-operative Program and the Hundred Thousand Club. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The total receipts of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for the first ten months of this year for the various objects of the Convention were \$1,903,892.67, an increase over the receipts for the same period last year of \$188,715.85. Of this amount \$1,065,689.08 was for the objects included in the Co-operative Program, an increase over the same period last year of \$140,972.79.

## Hundred Thousand Club Breaks All Records

The most significant sign is the substantial increase in the receipts of the Hundred Thousand Club. During these first ten months of 1941 a total of \$213,791.14 has been received, every penny of which has been applied on the principal of the debt of our Southern Baptist Convention agencies and institutions. This is an increase of \$83,066.77 over the same period last year and \$55,512 over the entire twelve months, and \$15,419 over the total receipts of the banner year of 1935.

How do we account for this? Several factors may have entered in. Money is evidently more plentiful. The untiring, unceasing, enthusiastic efforts of Dr. J. E. Dillard, who is promoting this movement, to create a burning desire on the part of our people to get rid of all our debts is beginning to bear fruit in a larger measure. But perhaps the greatest immediate cause of the increase can be attributed to the good women of the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention, who have pledged to be responsible for raising a million dollars on the indebtedness by 1945.

## What Is Immediately Ahead of Us

In any eventuality, whether the world war continues indefinitely or comes to a sudden and unexpected close, whether we Americans definitely get into a shooting war or not, unparalleled opportunities and responsibilities face Southern Baptists. And to meet these effectively and successfully it will be necessary for every loyal member to carry his or her part of the load. To that end all of our churches should thoroughly organize and prepare for enlisting every man, woman and child in their membership in the wholehearted support of their program to meet the present unprecedented world emergency.

## An Every-Member Canvass

For many years it has been the general custom among Southern Baptist churches to put on an Every-Member Canvass each year during the months of November and December. For many good and sufficient reasons, it has been found expedient to put on the canvass each year.

## Don't Quit

We should never think of giving up the Every-Member Canvass until every individual member has been seen or accounted for, and a pledge secured or a definite reason why the individual is unwilling to be enlisted. Just here so many churches fall. Too often we stop after we have secured enough pledges from those already enlisted to meet current needs.

## How to Go About It

Appoint a budget committee consisting of the heads of the different organizations and others familiar with the needs of the church and the denomination to be met next year. Make the budget adequate. See to it that a fair and generous proportion is given to the causes fostered by the denomination. The church should adopt the budget after each item in it is thoroughly explained.

Secure from your State Secretary necessary supplies—suitable tracts on Stewardship, the Co-operative Program and pledge cards. Through the distribution of these tracts, sermons, personal letters and contacts, church bulletins, your state paper and mission magazines, thoroughly inform and inspire your people to support wholeheartedly the program of your church.

Before making a house-to-house canvass of the membership, some prefer to present the matter on Sunday morning and have all who will sign a pledge card then, or have them come back to the church in the afternoon and sign. Some prefer to work it first through the Sunday school classes and other organizations as far as possible. Then check off those who have signed against the church roll. Carefully pick and train a sufficient number of teams to contact all who have not signed a card. Tact and good judgment are needed in making these assignments as well as in approaching the individual members. Underlying and back of it all should be much sincere, earnest prayer for divine wisdom and guidance.

## Don't Overlook the BHTC

Every-Member Canvass cards are provided to include the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, so that when pledges are taken for current expenses and the Co-operative Program an opportunity is given at the same time to join the Hundred Thousand Club, paying a dollar a month over and above the regular pledge. Many of our good churches are doing this and find that it works quite successfully. But whatever you do or do not do, do not fail to get in on this Hundred Thousand Club Movement and help maintain the fine reputation for honesty and prompt debt-paying that Southern Baptists have made for themselves throughout this nation.

## Baptist Training Union

AIM—Training in Church Membership  
AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary

OXFORD, MISS.

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### Report Your Training Union Attendance

For some time now The Baptist Record has been publishing, weekly, the attendance of both Sunday Schools and Training Unions. Not many unions have been reporting. One card would bring both reports, so please let the Sunday School and Training Union secretaries get together each Sunday night, and mail one card to The Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

### What Is a Worthy Goal For Attendance?

The ideal goal is 100% of church membership attending the Training Union. This would hardly be possible since some people cannot attend because of sickness or other matters. It does seem reasonable, however, that we could set our goal for near the 75% mark. In some cases where the Training Union has not been as well developed, perhaps 50% would be worthy for the first year. To set a goal is very easy, but to attain it means everlasting work on the part of every leader.

### 70 Associational Training Union Meetings Were Held

Reports from every section in the state give signs of successful meetings in almost every one of the seventy associational meetings held during the week of October 27-31. Friday night proved to be a bad, rainy night. It was Halloween, and it was school night with football and other activities. We will correct that next year by planning to run only through Thursday night. The same week will be observed in 1942 and also in 1943. The attendance shows an increase in attendance over 1940 of about 50%. At this writing a few reports are not in but we think these will pull the attendance to about 5,500 which was set as our goal and is 50% increase over last year. Many very encouraging notes from the team members and pastors and other leaders have come to us, telling of new inspiration they received personally, and of the hopeful reaction on the part of hundreds of leaders who attended the conferences. Space does not allow many of these expressions but we give one or two below to give you an idea of what we have been receiving:

This from Miss Katherine Walker, Alabama Junior-Intermediate leader who helped in District Eight: "Two impressions which I came away with were: The directors of the Associations realize their task is a large one and are willing to work, and the pastors realize how they may help in promoting the work. I was especially thankful for the attitude of the pastors toward Training Union work and the promotion of it in their association. I do not recall a single one showing any sign of indifference."

### Houston Attendance Grows

Thanks to Director J. M. Longmire of Houston Training Union for a good report of their work. He says that the attendance, since the beginning of October has been growing and interest increasing. On the last Sunday in October the B. A. U. was 100% in attendance, and the Young People's Union had only two absent. Glad to have this good news. Many others are experiencing a growing interest and on the whole Baptist Training Union is on the march.

### 69 New Unions For October

The report for October shows that we had 69 new unions organized, as follows: Story Hour, 6; Junior, 15; Intermediate, 15; Young People, 20; Adult, 13. There were issued 1,243 Study Course awards for the month. Was your church in the number asking for awards?

Weir reports a continuous growth in their Training Union. The Juniors and Young People have doubled their attendance within the last few weeks. Hats off to pastor and all.

### Clarksdale Elects Director

Mrs. M. J. Dunn has been elected by the Clarksdale church as Training Union Director. Mrs. Dunn is well qualified for the place, having served in every capacity in Training Union work from "just member" to Associational Director. Her heart is in the work and Clarksdale will continue its progress in Training Union work under her direction.

Remember TWO weeks for Ridgecrest in '42, July 19-25, July 26-31. Pick your week.

Two Enlargement Campaigns for December, Lexington 1-5; Gloster 7-12. Pray for these, thus you may have a part in victorious gospel.

The best help for the Sunday school teacher or student who does not have a great deal of time for study, is POINTS FOR EMPHASIS by Dr. Hight C. Moore, of the Sunday School Board. It contains the lessons for the entire year, costs only 35c, is small, can be carried in the pocket or purse without inconvenience, is complete in analysis and exposition, carries the daily Bible readings for Sunday School reading, and has Bible maps. Even if you use other helps, this one will be invaluable to you.

A Roman and a Jew is the title of a new book, available at the Baptist Book Store for \$2.00. It is a most interesting romance, the events having taken place twenty centuries ago in Bethany. No better Christmas present could be thought of for your pastor, or other friend from Intermediate on up.

### Deer Creek Elects Associational Officers

At a called meeting of the Deer Creek Association the following officers were elected to carry on the

work for the coming year: Director, Rev. J. R. Eubanks; Associate Director, Mrs. J. R. Brand; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ben Penn; Pianist, Miss Joy Jones; Chorister, Miss Catherine Gossett; Pastor Advisor, Rev. J. B. Smith; Group Directors, Rev. W. L. Compere and Mr. Carl Dunaway; Department Leaders, Adults, Mr. Ernest McCaa; Young People, Mr. Arthur Street Treadway; Intermediate, Rev. C. C. Caraway; Junior, Mrs. W. L. Compere; Story Hour, Mrs. W. C. Ferrell. At the Associational Rally in October much interest was manifested and plans made for a progressive program for the year. We hope to report Deer Creek as one of our A-1 Associational Training Unions for the year.

The moving from the county of Mr. Bilbro, Associational Director for Leake County, Mr. Mack Bell of Lena has been elected Associational Training Union Director. Mr. Bell knows and loves Training Union work and with the cooperation of the other leaders in the association will lead Leake to victory.

Congratulations to Batesville on their newly organized Story Hour with Miss Beulah McMahon as the leader. Little children need just what the Story Hour offers them, and we might say the parents of these little children need just what the Baptist Adult Union offers them. Strengthen these two organizations, and the ones coming between will be taken care of.

River Avenue in Hattiesburg organizes a B. A. U. as reported by Mrs. J. V. Welford, corresponding secretary. Congratulations and best wishes. They ask for the free tracts on the duties of the officers which suggests they are expecting to make their union efficient. The training comes in each officer and member doing the things assigned them. No training in being just a member.

First Baptist, Jackson, reported 435 in attendance at Training Union recently. No special drive, just a continued interest from the special week of study the last week of September and the constant work of the leaders. The Young People's department leads with an attendance of 105, the Adults next with 99, Intermediates come third with 87, Juniors 70, Story Hour 47, general officers 13, and visitors 14.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past;  
Only what's done for Christ will last."

Why not send in the report of your Training Union attendance each week? One card will bring the attendance record of both Sunday School and Training Union. Get with your S. S. superintendent and work this out so both organizations can be reported together.

### Good Hope, Scott County

Thanks to Miss Mabel Stroud for the report of the Good Hope Church in Scott County. They have recently elected officers and begin the new term with zeal. Officers to serve are Counselor, Mr. Shelby Durr; President, Miss Evelyn Emmons; Secretary, Miss Emma Waltman; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mabel Stroud; Treasurer, Miss Evelyn Smith; B. R. L., Miss Ruth Crane; Group Captains,

Mrs. Barto Usry, Charles Saterfield and Berdine Emmons.

You will probably get more special help suggestions out of the book Worship and Work in the Training Union than in any other special help. 75c at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. Order a copy and if you do not think it is just what is suggested above, return it for full credit. 103 ways to vary the program is just one helpful section of the book.

**Take this tip**—A good way to begin the new year is to conduct a class in the Baptist Training Union Manual for all general officers and leaders. Time between now and Christmas for just that, then start the new year with goals that will challenge everyone.

Lexington will conduct an enlargement campaign the week beginning November 30th. Gloster follows, using the week beginning Dec. 7.

We go to press before the report of the State Training Union Convention can be secured. Next week will bring the highlights of the meeting.

### BR MINISTERS RETIREMENT

I appreciate the privilege of cooperating in this worthy cause which I feel is one of the greatest opportunities that has come to the ministry in the history of Baptist churches.

So glad we are paying our debts and I hope we will be able to finish the job on time.

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**MENTHOLATUM**

PRENTISS COUNTY BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION EVANGELISTIC  
CAMPAIGN  
By J. D. Thompson, Booneville

Observations, Criticisms, Commendations and Recommendations

1. OBSERVATIONS:

1. That the effort and plan are merely in the initial stage.

2. The idea is altogether excellent and will ultimately strengthen the churches and the association beyond measure in cooperative effort for Kingdom progress.

3. The fellowship of so many pastors is delightful, inspirational, helpful.

4. The schools prove to be a great opportunity.

II. CRITICISMS:

1. The membership of the churches apparently have not yet been shown the possibilities of such effort.

2. Have not reached a large enough number of the members.

3. Publicity has been good, but not enough talking of the campaign over a long enough period.

4. Not enough possibility for contact with lost people and the actual soul winning.

5. School arrangements not complete enough.

6. Failed to have Community Census and "Andrew Clubs" in churches.

III. COMMENDATIONS:

1. No finer group of preachers to be had anywhere.

2. The campaign has given to a portion of the church membership a consciousness about lost souls. This portion will always be influenced in Christian and church life by this campaign.

3. This campaign commands itself to us as a bold start in the right direction.

4. The campaign has revealed to us all the challenge of cooperative association work, the great need in our churches.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Move time up.  
2. School services better arranged.  
3. One preacher at a single church for the week, performing several tasks:

(1) Conduct a study course for Sunday School workers.

(2) Do personal work among lost.  
(3) Preach only at night.

(4) With the local pastor's consent try to organize or set up machinery for every member, canvass and budget.

(5) Organize B. T. U., and W. M. S.  
(6) Secure subscriptions for Baptist Record, The Commission and Home Mission Journal.

(7) Seek to win a soul a day.  
(8) Central meetings for preachers each day for one hour for reports, prayer, etc.

(9) Have one meeting with deacons of the church to encourage, etc.  
(10) Each church finance its own week's work.

(11) Have a mass meeting similar to one this year.

BR—  
SALVATION

God thought it—  
Christ bought it—  
The Bible taught it—  
The mind caught it—  
The soul sought it—  
The Spirit wrought it—  
The devil fought it—  
But I've got it, by the grace of God.  
—Dr. Andrew Jackson.

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS,

Our Heavenly Father in His infinite love and wisdom has seen fit to call home our beloved friend, Mrs. J. E. Dowling, the Brooksville Baptist Sunday School wishes to pay a tender tribute to her living memory. Even after she moved several years ago to another place, she kept her membership in this, her childhood church, and because she did, the Brooksville Baptist church was blessed and inspired to a higher sacrificial life.

Now that she is with the ransomed hosts in that "Land that is fairer than day" her Christian influence is diffused like a fragrant flower, our meetings in this edifice so sacred to her.

To her children, now living elsewhere, but who too have been members of this church, heartfelt sympathy is extended.

"We cannot say, and we will not say that she is dead—she is just away; with a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand she went away to That Fair Land. Think of her in the same sweet way. She is not dead; she is just away."

Resolved, that a copy of this tribute be spread on the minutes of the church, one be sent to the family, and one sent to each—The Macon Beacon and The Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. LALLIER MADISON,  
MRS. LILLIAN TODD,  
MRS. A. G. WILKINS.

BR—  
RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, God in His all-wise Providence has removed from us one of our most useful members, Brother S. C. Beaty,

Be it resolved, by the Board of Deacons of Calvary Baptist Church that, while we bow in humble submission to His will, we recognize the fact that one of our most faithful members has been taken; Brother Beaty was earnest, consistent, humble, and above all deeply devoted to the Master's cause.

Be it resolved further, that we express to Brother Beaty's devoted family our sincere grief, and pray God's sustaining grace for them during this time of sorrow.

Be it resolved further, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy furnished The Baptist Record for publication, and a copy spread on the minutes of this body.

Presented to and adopted by the Board of Deacons of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., assembled in regular session this the 2nd day of November, 1941.

A. K. GODBOLD,  
I. S. BARNES,  
L. U. AMASON,  
Committee.

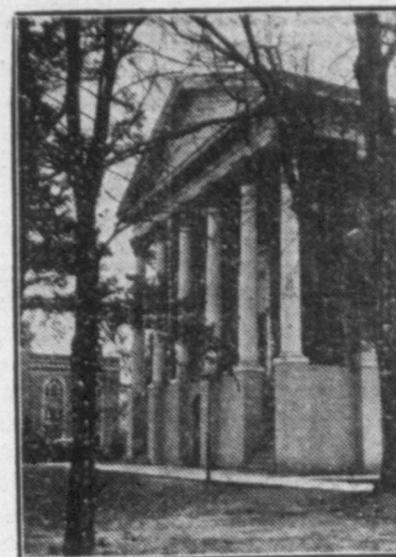
BR—

A country squire, rich but godless,  
THE DIFFERENCE

heard of the triumphant death of an aged Christian who had been associated with him in early life.

"Yes, yes," said he, "you all believe I cannot be as quiet and happy, too. But think of the difference! He is going to his treasure, and I—I must leave all mine behind!"

Treasure in heaven is more to be desired than all the treasures of earth.—The British Weekly.



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE HAS OVER  
ONE-HALF MILLION ENDOWMENT  
Debts Have Been Paid, Buildings  
Improved

The endowment of Mississippi College now totals over \$630,000.00. In addition profits and discounts on bonds in the last few years total \$48,243.08. Other assets including land, buildings, equipment and operating surplus totals \$1,353,202.69.

And during the past eight years, a total of \$179,874.45 in debts has been discharged. The internal indebtedness has been completely liquidated and the buildings, grounds and equipment constantly improved. According to the 1940 report of President Nelson to the Board of Trustees the indebtedness was discharged as follows:

(a) For College proper:

Trade creditors \$36,150.25  
Faculty salaries 35,218.51

Bank loans 2,900.00

Interest 15,727.87

(b) For Alumni Association:

Merchants Bank &

Trust Co. by cash

(for note) \$11,508.68

Field Co-operative Association—

By Cash 16,767.00

By bonds 24,000.00

Interest on bonds 600.00

Allowance (by

FCA) 7,150.00

Sale Chrestman

Land 29,852.14 89,877.82

\$179,874.45

All buildings have been renovated and improved; and all outside and inside woodwork and walls repainted. All shower baths and toilet floors have been tiled, and a new roof put on the Gymnasium, Science Hall and Ratliff Hall.

The buildings and grounds have been improved at a cost of \$41,432.21 as follows:

(b) Campus and Grounds:

Entrance Memorial

Arches \$ 946.19

(Gifts of classes of 1885 and 1935)

Campus driveways

paved 5,268.03

Athletic field leveled and sodded and

track built 3,789.45

Concrete stadium—

3,000 seats 3,598.52

Athletic field flood

lights—for night

playing 1,364.89 \$14,967.08

(c) Equipment Added:

Library books—

12,000 volumes \$12,363.96

Biology lab, 9 micro-

scopes, & other

equipment 1,612.88

Chemistry dept. 9

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.  
ATTENDANCE

November 16

	SS	BTU
Bassfield	86	
White Sand	83	
Liberty Hill	81	66
Paden	39	
Webb	63	

November 23

Jackson First	933	335
Jackson Calvary	951	284
Ellisville	96	
Ackerman	114	
Meridian Highland	205	
Meridian First	512	
Webb	61	
West Laurel	507	185
Antioch-McCool	50	27
State Line	106	65
Tupelo-Calvary	297	111
Pine Bluff-Hazlehurst	85	
Corinth First	254	
Greenwood-Calvary	152	68
Bethlehem-Jones	100	79
Double Springs	35	
Crystal Springs	324	87
Springfield-Morton	77	32
Strong River	26	
Louisville	324	

BR—

CHAPELS FOR THE NAVY

There is need for chapels in navy shore stations, similar to the 555 being erected for the army. Though the navy has a few very beautiful chapels, the new shore stations have grown so rapidly that their religious needs have been left far behind because of lack of funds. There are no regular government appropriations available for this purpose.

new tables, other equipment	3,885.76
Mathematics equipment	60.20
Physics lab. equipment	929.98
Furniture, fixtures	3,321.86
Cafeteria equip.	2,657.85
Band dress uniforms	1,632.64 26,465.13
	\$41,432.21

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## ELECTING AN EDITOR

One of the most important items of business that is to be transacted by the Baptist State Convention Board when they meet December 15 is the electing of an editor of The Baptist Record. Much of our denominational work depends on this. If a mistake is made here it will very greatly hamper this work. I believe the Lord has a man for this work. I am frank to say I do not know who he is. But I have a positive conviction that He will lead us to His man if we really desire to be led. I believe every Baptist in the State who is concerned about this matter should earnestly pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us to His man.

Mississippi Baptists have been hard hit this year in the home-going of Dr. M. O. Patterson, our great Bible teacher at Mississippi College, and the resignation of Dr. Lipsey as Editor of The Baptist Record. The Lord has greatly blessed our state through them. Now let us ask Him for another great Editor.

B. E. PHILLIPS,  
Newhebron, Miss.

BR

Dear Scotchie:

I have to resort to the columns of the Baptist Record to answer this Sister in Christ since she did not sign her name.

Your Buddy,  
JOHN.

Jackson, Miss.,  
Oct. 29, 1941.

Mr. John H. Farmer,  
Jackson, Mississippi.

Dear Mr. Farmer:

You probably have forgotten all about this incident but I have not and feel that I should make some apology for my outburst.

Several years ago in a study course class you asked a question to which I made reply without thinking twice or more. I want to state that I am sorry that I spoke so hastily and that I have purposed in my heart and mind not to come to such quick conclusions and speak out as I did then.

We hope to have you again in our church and assure you we believe in you and were benefitted by your visits.

Pardon me for withholding my name but it really does not matter who I am.

With kindest regards, I am,  
Sincerely yours,  
A SISTER IN CHRIST JESUS.

Dear Sister in Christ Jesus:

Thank you for your kind letter, and may Heaven bless your soul, I have forgotten this incident, and can't for the life of me recall it. It is perfectly all right, and don't you worry one minute about it. You are mighty fine to want to make apology for it. Bless your heart, you don't owe me an apology. It is only right that

people do their own thinking and disagree with their teacher, if they want to. I've had more than one, more than dozens, to disagree with me. They have been right more than once, too.

Certainly you are in Christ Jesus, because your noble spirit proves that. Working with such great Christians as you makes this the most glorious work in His Kingdom.

God bless you, and thank you.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN A. FARMER.

## NOVEMBER—PUBLICATION

November is the month when all the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention are asked to lay particular stress on taking subscriptions to the state Baptist papers and missionary magazines. Pictured above are the publications included in this group. The state Baptist paper should be ordered direct from the business office, the Sunday School publication from the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee, and the others as follows: THE COMMISSION, a Baptist World Journal, from the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, (fifty cents a year); SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS from the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, (twenty-five cents a year), the Woman's Missionary Union's Young People's magazines from the W. M. U. Headquarters, Birmingham, Alabama, (\$1.00 a year), and ROYAL SERVICE from the same address (fifty cents a year).

As M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, Louisiana, has said:

"A non-reading Baptist is a non-informed Baptist,  
A non-informed Baptist is a non-interested Baptist,  
A non-interested Baptist is a non-cooperating Baptist,  
A non-cooperating Baptist is just not much of a Baptist."

BR

Moderator H. H. Bethune, Newton County, invited us to a meeting of pastors and workers at Decatur, for the purpose of discussing plans for a county-wide evangelistic series as an extra effort.

The following brethren were present: M. M. McMullan, Lawrence, J. E. McCraw, Decatur; Lawrence B. Cobb, Union; D. Luke, Union; R. A. Morris, Newton; H. H. Bethune, Newton, and C. B. Hamlett, III, Decatur.

A spirited and spiritual consideration was given to soul-winning plans for the county.

They decided to propose October, first week, 1942, as the time for the work.

BR  
CONTRASTS

(Foreign Mission Board)—Sorrow and joy, loss and gain, destruction and up-building—these are the contrasts which mark the days in the Japanese-occupied areas of China. Dr. J. R. Saunders of Shiu Chow, China, after telling of an air raid which killed a young Chinese boy who had been raised by Miss Annie Sandlin, says, "Our work is going on very hopefully. We have baptized some two hundred already and hope the number will reach four hundred by the end of this year."

BR

## THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

The churches should be concerned over the plan to transfer the direction of the Civilian Conservation Corps from the War Department to the National Youth Administration, which is part of the Federal Security Agency, directed by Mr. Paul V. McNutt. Until this time the Civilian Conservation Corps Chaplains, under the army, have been doing most effective work for these often underprivileged youths. It would be unfortunate if now they are to be spiritually underprivileged as well.

## AT THE CONVENTION

With a sermon that took twenty-five years to prepare,  
Dear Brother Gates was given only ten minutes there.

But the message he brought everyone should really heed;  
For he said, "It's high time all of the Baptists should lead,

And if we do not get a NEW CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOD

We'll follow paths of defeat other nations have trod.

And a CONVICTION on the part of believers too,

AWAKE! ARISE! New strength of the the Lord will see us through."

—Avis Herrod Brown.

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## CALHOUN BREVITIES

There is being but few changes made in Calhoun pastorates this year. Rev. Wesson M. Crocker succeeds Rev. A. F. Brasher at historic Spring Creek and a new man has been called at Vardaman, we are told, to succeed Rev. Metts.

Rev. L. F. Haire has baptized at Bruce, and 55 have come in by letter, a total of 103 for the associational year. That is the only time on record for a Calhoun church to receive more than 100 in one year.

The writer of these notes was amused by the report printed by Editor Dale, of the North Mississippi Herald, of his findings of the average church activities in Yalobusha county. Summarizing Calhoun on the same basis for the year 1939 we find 37 Baptist churches, with 6,351 members, an average of 171; total amount paid \$11,500.89, an average of \$1.81 per year, or 17 cents per month; \$5,983 paid to pastors, or \$1.62 per year, or 13 cents per month; and 968 enrolled in Sunday Schools, or one member in seven even enrolled. Tithers are very likely to average not more than one in 50. The writer of these notes has a home where there are five church members whose average was \$27.00 for last year—and it paid big dividends.

Rev. Jesse Dorrah has been pastor at Old Town church for five years and has baptized 87, has a total enrollment of almost 200 members, has enlarged its house, a Sunday School enrollment of more than half the church membership. A deacon reported recently that three members made acknowledgments at a conference this year when said deacon had heard of nothing wrong. Well, that looks better.—Leslie E. Roane.

BR

Here we get an' invitation to go fishing and have on hand one revival, publishing Convention minutes, publishing the Baptist Record, squaring auditors records with others—ad infinitum. The life of a secretary. The invitation follows:

"Dear Brother Scotchie:

Fred and I have a good boat, good hooks, the water is fine, the fish are fat, and we are waiting for you to name the day next week. Come on now and don't be a slacker. We will go to "Shady Rest" Old Timers says "they are so big that it takes three men to land one."

Love and best wishes,  
A. C. PARKER."

31st Div. A. T. Brn  
Med. Det.

A. P. O. No. 31, Fort Jackson, S. C.  
Baptist Record,  
Jackson, Miss.  
Gentlemen:

Is today Thanksgiving, or is it next Thursday? Really I've often wondered whether Christians should set aside one day of the year for Thanksgiving when we have so much to be thankful for every day of the year. Never before have I realized how thankful I should be to be among that group called "Christians." Truly, now I count it a privilege and cannot help being filled with rage to hear the Lord's name taken so lightly as I often do.

It seems that God has given us who are in the Carolinas at this time a special autumn. Never before has there been such a mixture of colors as there is here now. It would be hard for anyone not to feel a closeness to his Maker here in the temples of His own creation.

Very often, though, this picture is not the picture that some see. It seems that we are all too inclined to forget that this is only a mock battle and that we should sing praises and thanksgiving to our Lord that we are spared the real horrors of war and bloodshed. Too often do we forget when we have eaten a wholesome, though not always palatable, meal that there are those who would consider our meal a feast. How often do we fail to give thanks that our leaders are not tyrants and that we still have privilege to worship as we see fit.

Sunday is to be celebrated as our Thanksgiving Day. I understand that turkey is to be on the menu. How I wish that I might hand my portion across the sea to some other soldier in uniform fighting for the just cause of freedom, or to someone else who has felt the loss of freedom.

We fail, because we are not allowed the liberties of civilian life, to realize how much we have to be thankful for.

Personally, I am thankful that I am permitted to wear the uniform of such a great nation as our United States of America. I'm thankful that she has felt that she could call on her sons to defend her in the time of a crisis. Thank God that I am an American.

Sincerely,  
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